

# THE SECONDE BOKE of Samuél.

## THE ARGUMENT.

**T**his boke and the former beare the title of Samuel, because they containe the conception, natiuitie and the whole course of his life, and also the liues and actes of two Kings, to wit, of Saul and Dauid, whome he anointed and consecrated Kings by the ordinance of God. And as the first boke containeth those things, which God broght to passe among his people vnder the gouernement of Samuel and Saul: so this seconde boke declareth the noble actes of Dauid, after the death of Saul, when he began to reigne, vnto the end of his kingdome: and how the same by him was wouderfully augmented: also his great troubles & dangers, which he sustained bothe within his house and without: what horridle & dangerous insurrections, vprores, & treasons were wrought against him, partely by false counsellers, fained friends & flatterers, and partely by some of his owne children and people and how by Gods assistance he ouercame all difficultes, and enioyed his kingdome in rest and peace. In the person of Dauid the Scripture seeth fothe Christ Iesus the chief King, who came of Dauid according to the flesh, and was persecuted on every side with outward and inward enemies, aswel in his owne persone, as in his members, but at length he ouercometh all his enemies and giueth his Church victorie against all power bothe spiritual & temporal: and so reigneth with them, King for euermore.

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CHAP. I.

4 It was tolde Dauid of Saúls death. 11 He causeth him to be slaine that bringt the tydings. 12 He lamenteth the death of Saúl and Ionathán.

1 After the death of Saúl, when Dauid was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites and had bene two dayes in Ziklag,

2 Beholde, a man came the third day out of the hoste from Saúl with his clothes rét, and earth vpon his head: & when he came to Dauid, he fel to the earth, and did obeisance.

3 Then Dauid said vnto him, Whence comest thou? And he said vnto him, Out of the hoste of Israël I am escaped.

4 And Dauid said vnto him, What is done? I pray thee, tel me. Thē he said, y the people is fled from the battel, and many of y people are ouerthrowen, and dead, and also Saúl and Ionathán his sonne are dead.

5 And Dauid said vnto the yong man, that tolde it him, How knowest thou that Saul and Ionathán his sonne be dead?

6 Then the yong man that tolde him, answered, b As I came to mount Gilbóa, beholde, Saul leaned vpon his speare, and lo, the charrets and horfemen followed hard after him.

7 And whē he loked backe, he sawe me, and called me. And I answered, Here am I.

8 And he said vnto me, Who art thou? And I answered him, I am an Amalekite.

9 Then said he vnto me, I pray thee, come vpon me, and slaye me: for anguish is come vpon me, because my life is yet whole in me.

10 So I came vpon him, and slewe him, & becauf: I was sure that he colde not liue, after that he had fallen, I toke the crowne that was vpon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arme, and brought thē hither vnto my lord.

11 Then Dauid toke holde on his clothes, & rent them, and likewise all the men that were with him.

12 And they mourned and wept, and fasted vntil euen, for Saúl and for Ionathán his sonne, and for the people of the Lord, and for the house of Israël, because they were slaine with the sworde.

13 ¶ Afterward Dauid said vnto the yong man that tolde it him, Whence art thou? And he answered, I am the sonne of a stranger an Amalekite.

14 And Dauid said vnto him, How wast thou not afrated, to put forth the thine hand to destroy the Anoynted of the Lord?

15 Then Dauid called one of his yong mē, & said, Go nere, and fall vpon him. And he smote him that he dyed.

16 Thē said Dauid vnto him, Thy blood be vpon thine owne head, for thine owne mouth hath testified againt thee, saying, I haue slaine the Lords Anoynted.

17 ¶ Then Dauid mourned with this lamentation ouer Saul, and ouer Ionathán his sonne,

18 (Also he bade them teache the children of Iudáh to shooote, as it is writen in y boke of Ioshér)

19 O noble Israël, h he is slaine vpon thy hie places: how are the mighty ouerthrowen?

20 \* Tel it not in Gath, nor publish it in the stretes of Ashkelón, lest the daughters of the Philistims reioyce, lest the daughters of the vncircumcised triumphe.

21 Ye mountaines of Gilbóa, vpon you be nether dewe nor raine, nor le there fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mightie is cast downe, the shield of Saúl, as though he had not bene anoynted with oyle.

22 The bowe of Ionathán neuer turned backe, nether did the sworde of Saúl retorne empty from the blood of the flame, and from the fat of the mighty.

23 Saúl and Ionathán were louely and pleasant in their liues, and in their deatthes they were not x deuided: they were swifter the negles, they were ströge then lions.

24 Ye daughters of Israël, wepe for Saúl, which clothed you in skat: let, l with pleasures, and hanged ornaments of golde vpon your appaell.

25 How were the mighty slaine in the middes of the battel? o Ionathán, thou wast slaine in thine hie places.

26 Wo is me for thee, my brother Ionathán: very kinde hast thou bene vnto me: thy loue to me was wonderful, passing y loue of m women: how are the mighty ouerthrowen, and the weapons of warre destroyed?

CHAP. II.

4 Dauid is anoynted King in Hebrón. 9 Abner maketh Ish-bobeth King ouer Israël. 11 The battel of the seruants of Dauid and Ish-bobeth. 22 The buryal of Asubél

1 After this Dauid asked counsel of the Lord, saying, Shal I go vp into anye of the cities of Iudáh: And the Lord said vnto him, Go vp. And Dauid said, Whither shal I go? He thē answered, Vnto Hebrón.

2 So Dauid went vp thither & his two wiues also, Ahinóam the Izreelite, and Abigail Nabals wife the Camelite.

3 And Dauid brought vp the men that were with him, euerye man with his houfholde, and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.

f Thou art fully punished for thy fault.

g That they might be able to reach their enemies the Philistims in that stre

h Meaning Saúl

i Let their fertile fields be barren, & bring forth no frute to offer to the Lord.

k They dyed toge-ther in Gilboa

l As riche garments, & costly jewels.

m Either towards their husbands, or their children

n By the means of the hee

o which cite was also called Kirath ár

p In the time of his persecution.

2 Sam 30, 17.

a Seeming to lay mine y ouerthrowe of the people of Israël

b As I fled in the chaise

10, 1, 2, 14, 15, 16, 17

c He was an Amalekite borne, but returned his country & joyined with the liues

d I am fury, because I am yet alive.

e 2 Sam 1, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21

Chap 3, 21. & 2, 21.

After the lamentation he ex rained him againe

2 Sam 10, 11.

4 ¶ Then the men of Iudáh came, and there they anointed Daud King ouer the house of Iudáh. And they tolde Daud, saying, <sup>1 Sam. 31, 13.</sup> ¶ that the men of Iabésh Gileád buried Saúl.

5 And Daud sent messengers vnto the mé of Iabésh Gileád, & said vnto them, Blessed aie ye of y Lord, that ye haue shewed suche kindenes vnto your lord Saúl, that you haue buried him.

6 Therefore now the Lord shewe mercie and <sup>d</sup> truth vnto you : and I wil recompence you this benefite, because ye haue done this thing.

7 Therefore now let your hands be strong, and be you valiant: albeit your master Saúl be dead, yet neuertheless the house of Iudáh hathe anointed me <sup>e</sup> King ouer them.

8 ¶ But Abnér the sonne of Ner that was captaine of Sauls hoste, toke Ish-bósheth the sonne of Saúl, and broght him to Mahanáim,

9 And made him King ouer Gileád, and ouer the Ashurites, and ouer Izreél, and ouer Ephráim, and ouer Beniamin, and ouer <sup>f</sup> all Iisráél.

10 Ish-bósheth Sauls sonne was fourty yere olde when he began to reigne ouer Iisráél, and reigned two yere: but the house of Iudáh followed Daud.

11 (And the tyme which Daud reigned in Hebrón ouer the house of Iudáh, was seue yere and six monethes)

12 ¶ And Abnér the sonne of Ner, and the seruants of Ish-bósheth the sonne of Saúl went out of Mahanáim to Gibeón.

13 And Ioáb the sonne of Zeruiáh, and the seruants of Daud went out and met one another by the poole of Gibeón: and they fate downe, the one on the one side of the poole, and the other on the other side of the poole.

14 Then Abnér said to Ioáb, Let the yong men now arise, and <sup>h</sup> playe before vs. And Ioáb said, Let them arise.

15 Then there arose and went ouer twelue of Beniamin by number, which pertained to Ish-bósheth the sonne of Saúl, and twelue of the seruants of Daud.

16 And euerie one caught <sup>i</sup> his fellowe by the head, & thrust his sworde in his fellowes side, so they fel downe together: wherefore the place was called Helkath-hazzuim which is in Gibeón.

17 And the battel was exceeding sore that same day: for Abnér and the men of Iisráél <sup>k</sup> fel before the seruants of Daud.

18 And there were thre sonnes of Zeruiáh there, Ioáb, and Abishái, and Afahél. And Afahél was as light on foote as a wilde roe.

19 And Afahél followed after Abnér, & in

going he turned nether to the right hand nor to the left from Abnér.

20 Then Abnér looked behinde him, & said, Art thou Afahél? And he answered, Yea.

21 Then Abnér said, Turne thee ether to <sup>l</sup> right hand or to the left, and take one of the yong men, and take thee his <sup>m</sup> weapons: but Afahél wolde nor departe from him.

22 And Abnér said to Afahél, Departe fró me: wherefore shulde I smite thee to the ground? how shulde I be able to holde vp my face to Ioáb thy brother?

23 And when he wolde not departe, Abnér with the hindre end of the speare smote him vnder the <sup>n</sup> fift rib, that the speare came out behinde him: and he fel downe there, and dyed in his place. And as manie as came to the place where Afahél fel downe and dyed, stode stil.

24 Ioáb also and Abishái pursued after Abnér: and the sunne went downe, when they were come to <sup>o</sup> hil Ammah, that lieth before Giah, by the way of the wildernes of Gibeón.

25 And the children of Beniamin gathered them selues together after Abnér, & were on an heape and stode on the top of anhil.

26 Then Abnér called to Ioáb, and said, Shal the <sup>p</sup> sworde deuoure for euer? knowest thou not, that it wil be bitternes in the latter end? how long shal it be, or thou bid the people returne fró following their brethren?

27 And Ioáb said, As God liueth, if thou haddest not <sup>q</sup> spoken, surely euen in the morning the people had departed euerie one backe from his brother.

28 ¶ So Ioáb blewe a trumpet, and all the people stode stil, and pursued after Iisráél nomore, nether fought they anie more.

29 And Abnér and his men walked all that night through the plaine, & wét ouer Iordén, & past through all Bithrón til they came <sup>r</sup> to Mahanáim.

30 Ioáb also returned backe from Abnér: & whé he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of Dauds seruants ninetene men and Afahél.

31 But the seruants of Daud had smitten of Beniamin, and of Abners men, <sup>s</sup> so that thre hundred and thre score men dyed.

32 And they toke vp Afahél, and buried hī in the sepulchre of his father, which was in Beth-léhem: and Ioáb and his men wét all night, and <sup>t</sup> when they came to Hebrón, the daie arose.

CHAP. III.

<sup>1</sup> Long warre betwene the houses of Saúl and Daud.  
<sup>2</sup> The children of Daud in Hebrón so Abnér turneth to Daud. <sup>3</sup> Ioáb killeth him.  
 ¶ There was then <sup>1</sup> long warre betwene the house of Saúl and the house of Daud:

d According to his genes, & is to recompence them that are merciful.

e So if you shal not want a captaine & a defender.

f Ouer y eleuen tribes.

g After this tyme was expired, he reigned ouer all y countrey 33 yeres, Chap. 40.

h Let vs se how they can handle their weapons.

i Meaning, his adversary.

k Or, the field of strong men.

l After that shal foure & twentie were his name.

Or, speare. Why docR y prouoke me to kill these

m Some read, in those partes, where as the liuely partes lye as the heart, the lungs, y liues, the mist, and the gall.

n Shal we not make an end of murdering?

o If y hadst not prouoked the to battell, as vers 14.

p Or, wilderness.

q Thus God wolde confirme Daud in his kingdome by the destruction of his aduersaries.

r This is, with our intermission, induring two yeres, which was the whole reigne of Iisrah-bósheth.

Abnér & Ish-bósheth. I I. Samuél. Abnér slayne. 137

Dauid: but Dauid waxed stronger, & the house of Saúl waxe weaker.

2 ¶ And vnto Dauid were children borne in Hebrón: and his eldest sonne was Amnon of Amnon the Izreelite,

3 And his seconde, was <sup>b</sup> Chilcáb of Abigail the wife of Nabál the Camelite: and the third, Absalóm the sonne of Maacáh the daughter of Talmái the King of Geshúr,

4 And the fourth, Adonijáh the sonne of Aggith, and the fifth, Shephaciáh the sonne of Abitál,

5 And the sixt, Ithreám by Egláh Dauids wife: these were borne to Dauid in Hebrón.

<sup>a</sup> Within foure yeres and six months.

6 ¶ Now while there was warre betwene the house of Saúl and the house of Dauid, Abnér made all his power for y<sup>e</sup> house of Saúl.

7 And Saúl had a concubine named Rizpáh, the daughter of Aiiáh. And Ish-bósheth said to Abner, Wherefore hast thou gone in to my fathers concubine?

<sup>d</sup> Doest thou esteem me no more then a dog, for all my seruice done to thy fathers house?

8 Thē was Abnér very wrothe for the wordes of Ish-bósheth, & said, Am I a dog's head, which against Iudáh do shewe mercy this day vnto the house of Saúl thy father, to his brethren, & to his neighbours, and haue not deliuered thee into the hand of Dauid, that thou chargest me this day with a fault concerning this woman?

9 ¶ So do God to Abnér, and more also, except, as the Lord hathe sworne to Dauid, euen so I do to him,

<sup>e</sup> We see how the wicked can not abide to be admonished of their fautes, but take their displeasur, & go about to bring them from their wickednes.

10 To remoue the kingdome frō the house of Saúl, that the throne of Dauid may be stablished ouer Israël, and ouer Iudáh, euen from Dan to Beer sheba.

11 And he durst nomore answer to Abnér: for he feared him.

<sup>Or, secretly.</sup>

12 ¶ Then Abnér sent messengers to Dauid <sup>o</sup> on his behalfe, saying, Whose is the land? Who shulde also say, Make couenant with me, & beholde, mine hand shall be with thee, to bring all Israël vnto thee.

13 Who said, Wel, I wil make a couenant with thee: but one thing I require of thee, that is, that y<sup>e</sup> see not my face except thou bring Michál Sauls daughter when thou comest to se me.

1. Sam. 18. 27.

14 ¶ Then Dauid sent messengers to Ish-bósheth Sauls sonne, saying, Deliuere me my wife Michál, which I married for an hundred foreskinnes of the Philistims.

1. Sam. 25. 44.

15 And Ish-bósheth sent, and toke her from her housbād Phaltiel the sonne of Láish.

16 And her housband went with her, and came weping behinde her, vnto Bahurim: then said Abnér vnto him, Go, & returne. So he returned.

<sup>f</sup> Rather for malice than he bare towards Ish-bósheth, then for loue he bare to Dauid.

17 ¶ And Abnér had <sup>f</sup> communicaciō with the Elders of Israël, saying, Ye fought for

Dauid in times past, that he might be your King.

18 Now: then do it: for the Lord hathe spoken of Dauid, saying, By the hand of my seruant Dauid I wil saue my people Israël out of the hands of the Philistims, and out of the hands of all their enemies.

19 Also Abnér spake <sup>g</sup> to Beniamín, and afterwaide Abnér went to speake with Dauid in Hebrón, concerning all that Israël was content with, and the whole <sup>h</sup> house of Beniamín.

<sup>g</sup> This is the case of Beniamín

<sup>h</sup> Who challenged the kingdom, because of their father Saúl.

20 So Abnér came to Dauid to Hebrón, hauing twenty men with him, and Dauid made a feast vnto Abnér, and to the men that were with him.

21 Then Abnér said vnto Dauid, I will rise vp, and go gather all Israël vnto my lord y<sup>e</sup> King, that they may make a counaít with thee, & that thou maiest reigne ouer all that thine heart desireth. Then Dauid let Abnér departe, who went <sup>i</sup> in peace.

<sup>i</sup> Or, without harme

22 ¶ And beholde, the seruants of Dauid and Ioáb came <sup>h</sup> from the cape, & brought a great pray with them (but Abnér was not with Dauid in Hebrón for he had set him away, and he departed in peace)

<sup>h</sup> From warre against the Philistims.

23 When Ioáb, and all the hoste that was with him were come, men tolde Ioáb, saying, Abnér the sonne of Ner came to the King, and he hathe sent him away, and he is gone in peace.

24 Then Ioáb came to the King, and said, What hast thou done? beholde, Abnér came vnto thee, why hast thou sent him away, and he is departed?

<sup>i</sup> Here appeareth the malicious mide of Ioáb, who wolde haue had the King to slay Abner for his private grudge.

25 Thou knowest Abnér the sōne of Ner: for he came to disceiue thee, & to knowe thy outgoing and ingoing, and to knowe all that thou doest.

26 ¶ And when Ioáb was gone out frō Dauid, he sent messengers after Abnér, which brought him againe frō the well of Siráh vnknowing to Dauid.

27 And when Abnér was come againe to Hebrón, Ioáb toke him aside in the gate to speake with him <sup>o</sup> peaceably, and smote him vnder the fifth ry<sup>e</sup>, that he dyed, for the blood of <sup>o</sup> Afaiél his brother.

1 King. 2. 5.

<sup>Or, secretly</sup>

Chap. 2. 23.

28 ¶ And when afterwaide it came to Dauids eare, he said, I and my kingdom are <sup>k</sup> giltye before the Lord: for euer, concerning the blood of Abnér the sonne of Ner.

<sup>k</sup> The Lord knoweth that I did not consent to his death

29 Let the blood fall on the head of Ioáb, and on all his fathers house, that the house of Ioáb be neuer without some y<sup>e</sup> haue running yssues, or lepre, or that leaneth on a staffe, or that doeth fall on the sworde, or that lacketh bread.

30 (So Ioáb and <sup>l</sup> Abishái his brother slewe Abnér, because he had slayne their brother Afaiél at Gibeón in battel)

<sup>l</sup> Abishái is said to slay his brother Ioáb, because he considered to y<sup>e</sup> murder.



Dauid lamenteth.

II. Samuél.

Ifh-bófheth slayne.

31 And Dauid said to Ioáb, and to all the people that were with him, Rét your clothes, and put on sackcloth, and mourne before Abnér: and King Dauid him self followed the beare.

32 And when they had buried Abnér in Hebrón, the King lift vp his voyce, & wept beside the sepulchre of Abnér, and all the people wept.

33 And the King lamented ouer Abnér, and said, Dyed Abnér as a foole dyeth?

34 Thine hands were not bounde, nor thy feete tyed in fetters of brass: but as a mā falleth before wicked men, so didest thou fall. And all the people wept againe for him.

35 Afterwarde all the people came to cause Dauid eat meat while it was yet day, but Dauid sware, saying, So do God to me & more also, if I taste bread, or oght els til the sunne be downe.

36 And all the people knewe it, & it pleased them: as whatsoeuer the King did, pleased all the people.

37 For all the people and all Israël vnderstode that day, how that it was not the Kings dede that Abnér the sonne of Ner was slayne.

38 And the King said vnto his seruants, Knowe ye not, that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israël?

39 And I am this day weake and newly appointed King: and these men the sonnes of Zeruiáh be to hard for me: y Lord reward the doer of euil according to his wickednes.

m Meaning, before y corps.

n His declareth that Abnér dyed not as a wretch or vile person, but as a valiant man might do, being traiterously deceyved by y wicked

o According to their custome, which was to haue at buryals

p It is expedient sometime not only to conceeie inward sorrow, but also that it may appeare to others to the intent that they may be satisfied.

Or, cruel.

CHAP. IIII.

3 Baaná and Recháb slaye Ifh-bófheth the sonne of Saúl 12 Dauid commandeth them to be slayne.

1 And whé Sauls sonne heard y Abnér was dead in Hebrón, then his hands were feble, and all Israël was afrayed.

2 And Sauls sonne had two men that were captaines of bands: the one called Baaná, and the other called Recháb, the sonnes of Rimmón a Beerothite of the children of Benjamin. (for Beeroth was reckented to Benjamin,

3 Because the Beerothites fled to Gittáim, and sojourned there, vnto this day)

4 And Ionathán Sauls sonne had a sonne that was lame on his feete: he was five yere olde when the tidings came of Saúl and Ionathán out of Israël: then his nurse toke him, and fled away. And as she made haste to flee, the childe fell, and began to halt, and his name was Mephibófheth.

5 And the sonnes of Rimmón the Beerothite, Recháb and Baaná went and came in the heate of the day to the house of Ifh-bófheth (who slept on a bed at noone)

6 And beholde, Recháb and Baaná his

a That is, I bófheth

b Meaning, y he was discouraged.

c The cite Beeroth was in the tribe of Benjamin, Iosh 18, 25 d After the death of Saúl, for feare of y Philistines.

brother came into the middes of the house, as they wolde haue wheat, and they smote him vnder the fifth rib, and fled.

7 For when they came into the house, he slept on his bed in his bedchamber, and they smote him, and slewe him, and beheaded him, and toke his head, and gate them away through the plaine all the night.

8 And they broght the head of Ifh bófheth vnto Dauid to Hebrón, and said to the King, Beholde the head of Ifh bófheth Sauls sonne thine enemy, who fought after thy life: and the Lord hathe auenged my lord the King this day of Saúl and of his feed.

9 Then Dauid answered Recháb and Baaná his brother, the sonnes of Rimmón the Beerothite, and said vnto them, As the Lord liueth, who hathe deliuered my soule out of all auerfitie,

10 When one tolde me, and said that Saúl was dead, ( thinking to haue broght good tidings ) I toke him and slewe him in Ziklág, who thoght that I wolde haue giuen him a rewarde for his tidings:

11 How muche more, when wicked men haue slayne a righteous persone in his owne house, & vpon his bed? shal I not now therefore require his blood at your hand, and take you from the earth?

12 Then Dauid commanded his yong men, and they slewe them, and cut of their hands and their feete, & hanged them vpon the poole in Hebrón: but they toke the head of Ifh-bófheth, and buried it in the sepulchre of Abnér in Hebrón.

e They disguised the selues as marchants, which came to bye wheat. f There is nothing so vile & dangerous, as y wicked will not enterpriſe in hope of lucre & fauour. g Or, wilderate.

Chap. 3, 11.

h Forasmuche as neither the exple of him that slew Saúl, nor doeth to their masters, nor y innocencie of the persone, nor recurrence of the place, nor time did moue thencey deliued most gracious punishment.

Chap. 3, 32.

CHAP. V.

1 Dauid is made King ouer all Israël. 7 He taketh the forte of Zion 19 He asketh counſel of the Lord, 20 And ouercometh the Philistines twice.

1 Then came all the tribes of Israël to Dauid vnto Hebrón, & said thus, Beholde, we are thy bones and thy flesh.

2 And in tyme past when Saúl was our King, thou leddest Israël in and out: and the Lord hathe said to thee, Thou shalt feede my people Israël, and thou shalt be a captaine ouer Israël.

3 So all the Elders of Israël came to the King to Hebrón: and King Dauid made a couenant with them in Hebrón before the Lord: and they anointed Dauid King ouer Israël.

4 Dauid was thirty yere olde when he began to reigne: and he reigned fouerty yere.

5 In Hebrón he reigned ouer Iudáh seue yere, and six monthis: and in Ierusalém he reigned thirtie and thre yeres ouer all Israël and Iudáh.

6 The King also and his men went to Ierusalém vnto the Iebusites, y inhabitants of

1. Chron. 11, 1.

a We are of thy kindred, & most a. re ioyned vnto thee. pſal 78, 21.

b This is, taking the I to winced the Arke was as yet in Abinadabs house.

Chap. 3, 11.

of

c The childre of God called adoles blinde and lame guides: therefore the Iebusites meane, that they should proue that their gods were neither blinde nor lame

1 Chro. 11. 6.

d The adoles shuld entre no more into that place

e He buylt from the towne house rounde about to his owne house. 1. Chro 11. 2. 2. Chr 11. 2.

1 Chro. 3. 9.

1 Chro 3. 5.

1 Chro 14. 2. & 11. 16.

f By Abiathar the Priest.

1 Sa. 28. 21.

40. the place of divisions

1 Chro. 14. 12.

g Meaning, the valley of gyants, which Dauid called Baal perazim because of his violence

of the land: who spake vnto Dauid, saying, Except thou take away the <sup>c</sup> blinde and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking <sup>y</sup> Dauid could not come thither.

7 But Dauid toke the foote of Zión: this is the citie of Dauid.

8 Now Dauid had said <sup>y</sup> same day, Whosoever smiteth the Iebusites, & getteth vp to the gutters & smiteth the lame & blinde, which Dauids soule hateth, <sup>i</sup> wil proferre him: \* therefore they said, The blinde and the lame shal not <sup>d</sup> come into that house.

9 So Dauid dwelt in that foote, and called it the citie of Dauid, and Dauid buylt roūd about it, from <sup>e</sup> Milló, and inward.

10 And Dauid prospered and grewe: for the Lord God of hostes was with him.

11 ¶ Hiram also King of Tyrus sent messengers to Dauid, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons for walles: and they buylt Dauid an house.

12 Then Dauid knewe, that the Lord had stablished him King ouer Israél, and that he had exalted his kingdome for his people Israels sake.

13 And Dauid toke him mo <sup>\*</sup> concubines & wiues out of Ierusalém; after he was come from Hebrón; and mo sonnes and daughters were borne to Dauid.

14. \* And these be the names of the sonnes that were borne vnto him in Ierusalém: Sammúa, and Shobáb, and Nathán, and Solomón,

15 And Ibhár, and Elishúa; and Népheg, and Iaphia,

16 And Elishamá; & Eliadá, and Eliphálet.

17 ¶ But when the Philistims heard that they had anointed Dauid King ouer Israél, all the Philistims came vp to seke Dauid: and when Dauid heard, he wēt downe to a foote.

18 But the Philistims came, and spred them selues in the valley of Repháim.

19 Then Dauid <sup>f</sup> asked counsel of the Lord, saying, Shal I go vp to the Philistims? wilt thou deliuer them into mine hands? And the Lord answered Dauid, Go vp: for I wil dourles deliuer the Philistims into thine hands.

20 ¶ Then Dauid came to Baal perazim, and smote them there, & said, The Lord hath deuided mine enemies asondre before me, as waters be deuided asondre: therefore he called the name of that place, \* Baal-perazim.

21 And there they left their images, & Dauid and his men <sup>\*</sup> burnt them.

22 Again the Philistims came vp, & spred them selues in the valley of <sup>g</sup> Repháim.

23 And when Dauid asked counsel of the Lord, He answered, Thou shalt not go vp, but turne about behinde the, & come vpon them ouer against the mulberry trees.

24 And whē thou hearest the noyse of one going in the toppes of the mulberry trees, then remoue: for then shal the Lord go out before thee, to smite the hoste of the Philistims.

25 Then Dauid did so as the Lord had commanded him, and smote the Philistims fró Gēba, vntil thou come to <sup>h</sup> Gázcr.

CHAP. VI.

1 The Arke is broght forth of the house of Abinadáb 7 Vzzáh is striken, & dyeth. 14 Dauid dācerb before it. 16 And is therefore despised of his wife Michál.

1 A Gaue Dauid gathered together all the <sup>cho</sup> chosen men of Israél, euen thirtie <sup>thou</sup> thousand,

2 \* And Dauid arose & went w̄ all the people that were with him <sup>a</sup> fró Baalé of Iudáh to bring vp from thence the Arke of God, whose name is called by the Name of the Lord of hostes, that dwelleth vpon it betwene the Cherubims.

3 And they put the Arke of God vpon a newe carte, and broght it out of the house of Abinadáb that was in <sup>b</sup> Gibeáh. And Vzzáh and Ahíó the sonnes of Abinadáb did driue the newe carte.

4 And when they broght the Arke of God out of the house of <sup>\*</sup> Abinadáb, that was at Gibeáh, Ahíó went before the Arke,

5 And Dauid and all the house of Israél <sup>c</sup> played before the Lord on all instruments made of firre, and on harpes, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

6 ¶ And whē they came to Nachons thre-shig floore, Vzzáh put his hād to the Arke of God, & helde it: for <sup>y</sup> oxē did shake it.

7 And the Lord was very wrothe w̄ Vzzáh, & God <sup>d</sup> smote him in <sup>y</sup> same place for his faute, & there he dyed by <sup>y</sup> Arke of God.

8 And Dauid was displeasēd, because the Lord had <sup>sm</sup> smitten Vzzáh: and he called the name of the place <sup>P</sup> Péiez Vzzáh vntil this day.

9 Therefore Dauid that day feared the Lord, and said, How shal the Arke of the Lord come to me?

10 So Dauid wolde not bring the Arke of the Lord vnto him: into the citie of Dauid, but Dauid caried it into the house of Obed-edóm <sup>e</sup> a Gittite.

11 And the Arke of the Lord continued in the house of Obed-edóm the Gittite, thre moneths, and the Lord blessed Obed-edóm, and all his householde.

12 ¶ And one tolde King Dauid, saying, \* The Lord hath blessed the house of Obed-edóm, and all that he hath, because of the Arke of God: therefore Dauid went and <sup>f</sup> broght the Arke of God from the house of Obed-edóm, into the citie of Dauid with gladnes.

13 And when they that bare the Arke of the

h Which was in the tribe of Benjamin, but the Philistims did possesse it.

1 Chro. 13. 5. a This was a cart in Iudáh called also Nachach bearing, 10th 15. 9.

b Which was an hie place of the cite of Baalé.

1 Sam 7. 2.

c Praised God, and sang psalms

1 Chro. 13. 20.

d Here we see what danger it is to followe good interests, or to do any thing in Gods seruice without his expresse words.

e By made a by arke in the division of Vzzáh.

f Who was a Leuite, & had dwelt in Gittim, 1 Chro. 15. 21

1 Chro 13. 25.

g Meaning, he caused <sup>y</sup> Reuices to beare it, according to the Lawe.

Michal mocketh Dauid. I I. Samuel. Nathan sent to Dauid.

Lord had gone six spaces, he offered an ox, and a fat beast.

14 And Dauid danced before the Lord with all his might, and was girded with a linen & Ephod.  
 15 So Dauid and all the house of Israel, brought the Arke of the Lord with shouting, and sounded of trumpet.

16 And as the Arke of the Lord came into the citie of Dauid, Michal Sauls daughter looked through a windowe, and sawe King Dauid leape, and dance before the Lord, and she despised him in her heart.

17 And when they had brought in the Arke of the Lord, they set it in his place, in the middes of the tabernacle that Dauid had pitched for it: the Dauid offered burnt offrings, & peace offrings before the Lord.

18 And as soon as Dauid had made an end of offering burnt offrings & peace offrings, he blessed the people in the Name of the Lord of hostes,

19 And gaue among all the people, *euē* among the whole multitude of Israel, a fel to the women as men, to euerie one a cake of bread, and a piece of flesh, and a bottel of wine: so all the people departed euerie one to his house.

20 ¶ Then Dauid returned to bless his house, and Michal the daughter of Saul came out to mete Dauid, and said, O how glorious was the King of Israel this day, which was vncouered to day in the eyes of the maidens of his seruants, as a foole vncouereth him selfe.

21 Then Dauid said vnto Michal, *It was* before the Lord, which chose me rather then thy father, and all his house, and commanded me to be ruler ouer all the people of the Lord, *euē* ouer Israel: and therefore wil I play before the Lord,

22 And wil yet be more vile then thus, and wil be lowe in mine owne sight, and of the very same maid seruants, which thou hast spoken of, that I be had in honour.

23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no childe, vnto the day of her death.

CHAP. VII.

*Dauid wolde buyde God an house, but is forbidden by the Prophet Nathan: God putteth Dauid in minde of his benefites: He promiseth continuance of his kingdom and posteritie.*

1 Afterwarde when the King sate in his house, and the Lord had giuen him rest found about from all his enemies,

2 The King said vnto Nathan the Prophet, Beholde, now I dwel in an house of cedar trees, and the Arke of God remaineth within the curtaines.

3 Then Nathan said vnto the King, Go, and do all that is in thine heart: for the Lord is with thee.

4 ¶ And the same night the worde of the

Lord came vnto Nathan, saying,  
 5 Go, and tel my seruāt Dauid, Thus saith the Lord, Shalt thou buyld me an house for my dwelling?

6 For I haue dwelt in no house since the time that I brought the children of Israel out of Egypt vnto this day, but haue walked in a tent and tabernacle.

7 In all the places wherein I haue walked with all the children of Israel, spake I one worde with anie of the tribes of Israel when I commanded the iudges to fede my people Israel: or said I, Why buyld ye not me an house of cedar trees?

8 Now therefore so say vnto my seruāt Dauid, Thus sayeth the Lord of hostes, I toke thee from the shepccore following the shepe, that thou mightest be ruler ouer my people, ouer Israel.

9 And I was with thee wherefoeuer thou hast walked, and haue destroyed all thine enemies out of thy sight, and haue made thee a great name, lyke vnto the name of the great men that are in the earth.

10 (Also I wil appoint a place for my people Israel, and wil plant it, that they may dwel in a place of their owne, and moue no more, nether shal wicked people trouble them anie more as before time,

11 And since the time that I set iudges ouer my people of Israel) and I wil giue thee rest from all thine enemies: also the Lord telleth thee, y he wil make thee an house.

12 And when thy dayes be fulfilled, thou shalt slepe with thy fathers, & I wil set vp thy seede after thee, which shal procede out of thy body, and wil stablish his kingdom.

13 He shal buyld an house for my Name, and I wil stablish the throne of his kingdom for euer.

14 I wil be his father, & he shal be my sonne: & if he sinne, I wil chasten him with the rod of men, and with the plagues of the children of men.

15 But my mercy shal not departe away from him, as I tok: it from Saul whom I haue put away before thee.

16 And thine house shal be stablished and thy kingdom for euer before thee, *euē* thy throne shal be stablished for euer.

17 According to all these wordes, and according to all this vision, Nathan spake thus vnto Dauid.

18 Then King Dauid went in, and sate before the Lord, & said, Who am I, O Lord God, and what is mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

19 And thus was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord God, therefore thou hast spokē also of thy seruants house for a great while: but doeth this appeteine to me, O Lord God?

*b Meaning, he shalde not: yee Nathan speaking accordig to his iudgement, and not by the Spirit of propheticie, permitted him.*

*c At concerning the buylding of an house: meanig that without Gods expresse worde nothing ought to be attempted. 1 Sam 16, 12. psal 78, 70.*

*d I haue made thee famous through all the world.*

*e He promiseth the quietnes, if they wil walke in his feare and obedience.*

*1 King 2, 20.*

*1 King 1, 5. 2 Sam 22, 10.*

*1 Chr 22, 10.*

*1 Chr 22, 37.*

*f I not generally, as latines vs. to chaste their children.*

*g This was begun in Salomon as a figure, but accomplished in Christ.*

*h It is not the lawe of man: b Concerne not this rather of thy mercie, then of any worthines that can be in man.*

*g With a garment like to priests garment.*

*h The worldlings are not able to comprehend the motions that moue the child of God.*

*1 Chron 16, 2.*

*i That is, to pray for his house, as he had done for the people.*

*k It was for no worldly affection; but onely for that reason that I bare to Gods glorie.*

*l Which was a punishment, because he mocked the seruāt of God.*

*1 Chron 17, 6.*

*a Within the Tabernacle covered with skins. 1 Chr 16, 7.*



20 And what can Dauid say more vnto thee: for thou, Lord God, knowest thy seruant.

21 For thy wordes sake, and according to thine owne heart hast thou done all these great things, to make them known vnto thy seruant.

22 Wherefore thou art great, ó Lord God: for there is none like thee, nether is there any god besides thee, according to all that we haue heard with our eares.

Deu. 6, 7.

23 \* And what one people in y<sup>e</sup> earth is like thy people, like Israél: whose God went & redeemed thé to him selfe, that they might be his people, and that he might make him a name, & do for you great things, and terrible for thy <sup>k</sup> iad, ó Lord, *euē* for thy people, whome thou redeemedst to thee out of Egypt, from the <sup>i</sup> nacions, and their gods?

o Israél  
k And inheritance, which is Israél.  
l From the Egyptians and their idoles  
m He sheweth that Gods election is the only cause, why the Israélites were chosen to be his people

24 For thou hast <sup>m</sup> ordeined thy people Israél to be thy people for euer: and thou Lo: d art become their God.

25 Now therefore, ó Lord God, confirme for euer the worde that thou hast spoken concerning thy seruant and his house, and do as thou hast said.

26 And let thy Name be magnified for euer by them that shal say, The Lord of hostes is the God ouer Israél: and let the <sup>o</sup> house of thy seruant Dauid be stablished before thee.

n This prayer is most effectual, whē we exactly ike Gods glorie, and the accomplishment of his promises  
"Ere founde his tears dispoyd"

27 For thou, ó Lord of hostes, God of Israél, hast <sup>i</sup> eueiled vnto thy seruant, saying, I wil buyld thee an house: therefore haue thy seruant <sup>n</sup> bene bolde to pray this prayer vnto thee.

28 Therefore now, ó Lord God, (for thou art God, and thy wordes be true, and thou hast tolde this goodnes vnto thy seruāt)

29 Therefore now let it please thee to blesse the house of thy seruant, that it may continue for euer before thee: for thou, ó Lord God, hast <sup>o</sup> spoken it: and let the house of thy seruant be blessed for euer, with thy blessing.

o Therefore I firmly beleue it shal come to passe.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Dauid ouercommeth the Philistims, and maketh them tributaries to Israél.

1 Chron. 18, 1. psal 60, 2.  
Or, misheg-annab  
2 So that they paid no more tribute

1 **A**FTER this now, Dauid smote the Philistims, and subdued them, & Dauid toke <sup>t</sup> the bridle of bondage out of <sup>a</sup> the hand of the Philistims.

2 And he smote Moáb, and measured them with a corde, and cast them downe to the ground: he measured them with <sup>b</sup> two cordes to put them to death, & with one ful corde to kepe them aliue: so became the Moabites Dauids seruants, and brought gifts.

6 He slew two partes, as it pleased him and reserved the third

3 Dauid smote also Hadadézer the sonne of Rehób King of Zobáb as he went to <sup>r</sup> recouer his border at <sup>y</sup> iuer "Euphrates.

Or, ylarg  
"Ere P. r. ab

4 And Dauid toke a thousand and four

hundred horsemen, and twentie thousand footemen, and destroyed all the charrets, but he reserued an hundred charrets of them

Or, hough the horse of the charret

¶ Then came <sup>o</sup> the Aramites of <sup>r</sup> Damésik to succour Hadadézer King of Zobáb, but Dauid slew of the Aramites two and twentie thousand men.

Or, the Syriae. Or, of Damascus that is, which dwelt ouer Damascus.

6 And he put a garison in Arám of <sup>d</sup> Dímésik: and the Aramites became seruants to Dauid, <sup>e</sup> and brought gifts. And the Lord saued Dauid wheresoeuer he went.

c In that part of Syria, where Damascus was.  
d They payd yearly tribute.

7 And Dauid toke the shields of golde that belonged to the seruants of Hadadézer, and brought them to <sup>e</sup> Ierusalém.

e For the vie of the temple.

8 And out of Bétah, and Berothái (cities of Hadadézer) Dauid brought exceeding muche brasse.

9 ¶ Then <sup>t</sup> Óí King of Hamáth heard how Dauid had smitten all the hoste of Hadadézer,

Or, Keriblá

10 Therefore <sup>t</sup> Óí sent Iorám his sonne vnto King Dauid, to salute him, and to

"Ebr. 10 4/9

11 <sup>e</sup> ioyce with him because he had fought against Hadadézer, and beaten him (for Hadadézer had waite with <sup>t</sup> Óí) who brought with him vessels of siluer, and vessels of golde & vessels of brasse.

"Ere blesse him  
1 For King Dauid was glorious, he was glad to meete of  
p. act  
"Ebr. 10 he hdd

12 And King Dauid did dedicate them vnto the Lord with the siluer and golde that he had dedicate of all the nacions, which he had subdued:

Or Syria, or Calapria.

13 Of <sup>r</sup> Arám, & of Moáb, and of the children of Ammón, & of the Philistims, and of Amalék, and of the spoule of Hadadézer the sonne of Rehób King of Zobáb.

14 So Dauid gate a name after that he returned, and had slaine of the Aramites in the <sup>v</sup> valley of salt eightene thousand men.

Or, in Gennésab

15 And he put a garison in Edóm: throughout all Edóm put he soldiers, and all they of Edóm became Dauids seruants: and <sup>y</sup> Lord kept Dauid whether soeuer he wēt.

Or, in all his triumphes

16 Thus Dauid reigned ouer all Isráel, and executed <sup>s</sup> iudgement and iustice vnto all his people.

g He gaue iudgement in controuersies, and was merciful towards the people  
Or, iudger of Chreusler.

17 And Ioaáb the sonne of Zeruiáh was ouer the hoste, and Ioshaphát the sonne of Ahíú was <sup>r</sup> recorder.

18 And Zadók the sonne of Ahitúb, and Ahimélech the sonne of Abiathár were <sup>y</sup> Priests, and Seraúh the scribe.

19 And Benarahú the sonne of Iehoiadá <sup>e</sup> the <sup>h</sup> Cherethites & the Pelethites, & Dauids sonnes were chief rulers.

Or, was over the Cherethites  
h The Cherethites & Pelethites were as the Kings garde, and had charge of his persons

CHAP. IX.

1 Dauid restoreth all the landes of Saúl to Miphibóseth the sonne of Ionathán: so He appointeth Ziba <sup>s</sup> to the profit of his landes.

1 **A**ND Dauid said, Is there yet any man left of the boule of Saúl, that I may shewe him mercy for <sup>r</sup> Ionathans sake?

a Because of mine oath, and promise, made to Ionathan, 1 Sam 20, 16

2 And there was of the household of Saúl



a seruant whose name was Zibá, & when they had called him vnto Dauid, y King said vnto him, Art thou Zibá? And he said, I thy seruant am he.

b Suche mercie, as shal be acceptable to God  
Cpab 464

3 Then the King said, Remaineth there yet none of the house of Saúl, on whome I may shewe the b mercy of God? Zibá then answered the King, Ionathán hath yet a sonne\* lame of his feete.

c Who was also called Eliám, y father of Barn theba Dauids wife

4 Then the King said vnto him, Where is he? And Zibá said vnto y King, Beholde, he is in the house of Machír the sonne of Ammiél of Lo-debái.

5 ¶ Then King Dauid sent, and toke him out of the house of Machír the sonne of c Ammiél of Lo-debái.

6 Now when Mephibósheth the sonne of Ionathán, the sonne of Saúl was come vnto Dauid, he fell on his face, and did reuence. And Dauid said, Mephibósheth? And he answered, Beholde thy seruant.

d Or, laudr.

7 Then Dauid said vnto him, Feare not for I wil surely shewe thee kindnes for Ionathán thy fathers sake, and wil restore thee all the d fields of Saúl thy father, and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

e Meaning, a despised person.

8 And he bowed him selfe, and said, What is thy seruãt, that thou shuldest loke vpon such e a dead dog as I am?

f Or, seruant.

9 Then the King called Zibá Sauls seruãt, and said vnto him, I haue giuen vnto thy masters f sonne all that pertained to Saúl and to all his house.

g Be ye proudent officers and gouernors of his liães that they may be profitable.

10 Thou ther fore and h thy sonnes, and thy seruants shal till the land for him, and bring in that thy masters sonne may haue fonde to eat. And Mephibósheth thy masters sonne shal eat bread alway at my table (now Zibá had fiftene sonnes, and twentic seruants)

i That Mephibósheth may haue all right or commandment as becometh the Kings sonne.

11 Then said Zibá vnto the King, According to all y my lord the King hath commanded his seruãt, so shal thy seruãt do, i that Mephibósheth may eat at my table, as one of the Kings sonnes.

12 Mephibósheth also had a yög sonne named Michá, & all that dwelled in y house of Zibá, were seruants vnto Mephibósheth.

13 And Mephibósheth dwelt in Ierusalém: for he did eat cōtinually at the Kings table, and was lame on bothe his feete.

CHAP. X.

4 The messengers of Dauid are vniuersally entreated of the King of Ammón. 7 Ioáb is sent against the Ammōnites.

j Clere, 122.

1 A fter this, the k King of the children of Ammón dyed, & Hanún his sonne reigned in his stede.

2 Then said Dauid, I wil shewe kindnes vnto Hanún the sonne of Nahásh, as his

father k shewed kindnes vnto me. And Dauid sent his seruants to cōfōt him for his father. So Dauids seruants came into the land of the children of Ammón.

k The childrē of God are not vniuersally of a benefice ecclesiastic

3 And the princes of the children of Ammón said vnto Hanún their lord, l Thinkest thou y Dauid doeth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters to thee? hath he not Dauid m sent his seruants vnto thee, n to searche the citie, and to spie it out, and to ouerthrowe it?

l Eke, 12 13/10 eyes dñis Dauid

4 Wherefore Hanún toke Dauids seruants, and shaued of the halfe of their bearde, & cut of their garments in the middle, euen to their buttockes, and sent them away.

m Their arrogant malice would not suffer them to see the simplicitie of Dauids beart: therefore their counsil turned to the destruction of their country.

5 ¶ When it was tolde vnto Dauid, he sent to mete them (for the men were exceedingly ashamed) and the King said, Tarie at Ierichó, vntil our beardes be growen, then returne.

6 ¶ And when the children of Ammón sawe that they o stanke in the sight of Dauid, the children of Ammón sent and hired the p Aramites of the house of Rehób, and the Aramites of Zobá, twentic thousand foorem n, and of King Maacáh a thousand men, & of Ish-tób twelue thousand men.

o That they had destroyed Dauids displeasure, for y iniurie done to his ambassadors  
p Or, Syrians.

7 And when Dauid heard of it, he sent Ioáb, and all the hoste of the strong men.

8 And the children of Ammón came out, & put their armie in array at the entering in of the gate: & the Aramites of q Zobá, and of Rehób, and of Ish-tób, and of Maacáh were by them selues in the field.

q These were diuers parts of the country of Syria, where by approach that the Syrians feared, where they might haue interuention, as now the Sweeters do.

9 When Ioáb sawe that the fronte of the battel was against him before and behinde, he chose of all the choise of Israél, and put them in array against the Aramites.

10 And the rest of the people he deliuered into the hand of Abishái his brother, that he might put them in array against the children of Ammón.

11 And he said, If the Aramites be stronger than I, thou shalt helpe me, & if the children of Ammón be to strong for thee, I wil come and succour thee.

12 Be strong and let vs be valiant for r our people, and for the cities of our God, and let the Lord do that which is good in his eyes.

r There is declared herefore a reuerent ought to be vnderaken: for the defence of true religion and Gods people.

13 Then Ioáb, & the people that was with him, ioyned in battel with the Aramites, who fled before him.

14 And when the children of Ammón sawe that the Aramites fled, they fled also before Abishái, and entred into the citie. so Ioáb returned from the children of Ammón, and came to Ierusalém.

15 ¶ And when the Aramites sawe that they were smitten before Israél, they gathered them together.

<sup>Or Hadad-  
zer</sup>  
<sup>Or, Ephraim</sup>

16 And Hadad-zer sent, and broght out the Aramites that were beyonde the Riuer: & they came to Helam, and Shobach y captaine. of the hoste of Hadad-zer went before them.

f Meaning, the  
great parte

17 When it was shewed Dauid, then he gathered all Israel together, and passed over Iordan, and came to Helam: and the Aramites set the selues in array against Dauid, and fought with him:

g Which were  
of the first  
& more prin-  
cipal for in all  
he destroyed  
7000, as  
1 Chro 19. 19.  
92, the soldiers  
-his, h were in  
-o charots.

18 And the Aramites fled before Israel: & Dauid despoiled seven hundred charots of the Aramites, & fourte thousand horsemen, and smote Shobach the captaine of his hoste, who dyed there.

19 And when all the Kings, that were seruants to Hadad-zer, sawe that they fell before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and serued them. and the Aramites feared to helpe the children of Ammon any more.

CHAP. XI.

The citie Rabbah is besieged. 4 Dauid committeth adultery 17 Vriah is slaine 27 Dauid marieth Bath-sheba.

i The yere fol-  
lowing about  
the spring time  
1 Chro 20. 1.

And when the yere was expired in y tyme when Kings go forthe to battel, Dauid sent Ioab, and his seruants with him, & all Israel, who destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah: but Dauid remained in Ierusalem.

k Whereupon  
he vied to rest  
after more,  
as was reed of  
Ith-bbbeth,  
Chap 4. 7

2 And when it was euening tide, Dauid arose out of his bed, and walked vpon the rooffe of the Kings palace: and from the rooffe he sawe a woman washing herself: and the womā was very beautiful to loke vpon.

l Who was not  
an Israellite  
home, but com-  
uered to the  
religion  
Leui 15. 19.  
18. 19.

3 And Dauid sent and inquired what woman it was: and one said, It is not this Bath-sheba: y daughter of Eliam, wife to Vriah the Hittite.

4 Then Dauid sent messengers, and toke her away: and she came vnto him and he lay with her: (now she was purified from her vnclennes) and she returned vnto her house.

m Meaning left  
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than d accord-  
ing to the  
Law.

5 And y womā conceiued: therefore she sent & tolde Dauid & said, I am with childe.

6 Then Dauid sent to Ioab, saying, Send me Vriah the Hittite. And Ioab sent Vriah to Dauid.

7 And when Vriah came vnto him, Dauid demanded him how Ioab did, & how the people fared, and how the warre prospered.

n Dauid hegh-  
t that if Vriah  
lay with his  
was his fault  
might be clo-  
red.

8 Afterwarde Dauid said to Vriah, Go downe to thine house, and wash thy feete. So Vriah departed out of the Kings palace, & the King sent a present after him.

9 But Vriah slept at the dore of the Kings palace with all the seruants of his lord, and went not downe to his house.

10 Then they tolde Dauid, saying, Vriah went not downe to his house: and Dauid

said vnto Vriah, Comest thou not from thy iourney? why didest thou not go downe to thine house?

11 The Vriah answered Dauid, The Arke of Israel, and Iudā dwel in tents: and my lord Ioab and the seruants of my lord abide in the open fields. Shall I thin go in to mine house, to eat and drinke, and lie with my wife by thy life, & by the life of thy soule, I wil not do this thing.

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Dauid's com-  
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of his seruā,  
he wolde de-  
clare him self  
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seruant to her  
seruant

12 Then Dauid said vnto Vriah, Tarrye yet this daye, and tomorrow I wil send thee awaie. So Vriah abode in Ierusalem that day, and the morowe.

13 Then Dauid called him, & he did eat and drinke before him, & he made him a drinke: & at euen he went out to lie on his couch with the seruants of his lord, but went not downe to his house.

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his wife.

14 And on the morowe Dauid wrote a letter to Ioab, and sent it by the hand of Vriah.

15 And he wrote thus in the letter, Purge Vriah in the forefront of the strength of the battel, & recule ye backe from him, that he may be smitten, and dye.

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his mightie  
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omination

16 So when Ioab besieged y citie, he assigned Vriah vnto a place, where he knewe that strong men were.

17 And the men of the citie came out, and fought with Ioab: & there fell of the people of the seruants of Dauid, & Vriah the Hittite also dyed.

18 Then Ioab sent and tolde Dauid all the things concerning the warre,

19 And he charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the warre vnto the King,

o Or, Thus shall  
be this

20 And if the Kings anger arise, so that he say vnto thee, Wherefore approached ye vnto y citie to fight? knowe ye not that they wolde haue le from the wall?

21 Who smote Abimelech sonne of Ierubesheth did not a woman cast a peece of a millstone vpon him from the wall, and he dyed in Thebez? why went you vnto the wall? Then say thou, Thy seruant Vriah the Hittite is also dead.

i Meaning Ge-  
dōm, Indg  
9. 27

22 So the messenger went, and came and shewed Dauid all that Ioab had sent him for.

23 And the messenger said vnto Dauid, Certainly the men preuailed against vs, and came out vnto vs vnto the field, but we pursued them vnto the entering of the gate.

p He were de-  
ga. f. thom

24 But y shooters shot from the wall against thy seruants, and some of the Kings seruants be dead: and thy seruant Vriah the Hittite is also dead.

q He dissem-  
bleth with this  
n. eniger to y  
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ther his. u. l.  
com. 3. l. n. 6.  
nor Inab. w. ic  
h. d. because  
might be e-  
spied.

25 Then Dauid said vnto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say vnto Ioab, Let not this thing trouble thee: for the sworde de-

Nathán reproveth Dauid. II. Samuél.

Dauid repenteth.

<sup>1</sup> *Et. s. and s.*

uoueth " one aswel as another : make thy battel more strong against the citie & destroy it, & encourage thou him.

26 ¶ And when the wife of Vriáh heard that her housband Vriáh was dead, she mourned for her housband.

27 So when the mourning was past, Dauid sent & toke her into his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a sonne : but the thing that Dauid had done, " displeased the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> *Et. was evil in the eyes of the Lord.*

CHAP. XII.

<sup>1</sup> *Dauid reproveth by Nathán confesseth his sinne. 18 The childe conceived in adulterie. Ageth. 24 Salomon is borne. 26 Rabboh is taken. 31 The oxen are grievously punished.*

<sup>a</sup> Because Dauid saye nowe drowned in sinne, the lawing mercie of God, which shal freeth not us to perill, waiken his conscience by this similitude, and bringeth him to repentance

1 ¶ Then the Lord<sup>a</sup> sent Nathán vnto Dauid, who came to him, and said vnto him, There were two men in one citie, the one riche, and the other poore.

2 The riche man had exceeding many shepe and oxen:

3 But the poore had none at all, saue one litle shepe which he had bought, & nourished vp: and it grewe vp with him, and with his children also, and did eat of his owne morsels, & dranke of his owne cup, and slept in his bosome, and was vnto him as his daughter.

<sup>1</sup> *Or. wayfaring man.*  
<sup>2</sup> *Or. feared.*

4 Now there came a<sup>r</sup> stranger vnto the riche mā, who refused to take of his owne shepe, and of his owne oxen to dresse for the stranger that was come vnto him, but toke the poore man shepe, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

<sup>1</sup> *Et. The anger of Dauid was kindled.*

5 Thē " Dauid was exceeding wrothe with the mā, and said to Nathán, As the Lord liueth, the man that hath done this thing, " shal surely dye,

<sup>1</sup> *Et. is the childe of death.*  
<sup>2</sup> *Exod. 22.1.*

6 And he shal restore the lābe \* foure folde, because he did this thing, and had no pitie thereof.

<sup>1</sup> *Sam. 16.13.*

7 Then Nathán said to Dauid, Thou art the man. Thus sayth the Lord God of Israël, \* I anointed thee King ouer Israël, and deliuered thee out of the hand of Saúl,

<sup>1</sup> For Dauid succeeded Saúl in his kingdome.

8 And gaue thee thy lords<sup>b</sup> house, and thy lords<sup>c</sup> wiues into thy bosome, and gaue thee the house of Israël, and of Iudáh, & wolde moreouer (if that had bene to litle) haue giuen thee<sup>d</sup> suche and suche things.

<sup>1</sup> The lewes vnderstand this of Eglah and Michal, or of Rispán and Michal.

9 Wherefore hast thou despised the commandement of the Lord, to do euil in his sight? thou hast killed Vriáh the Hittite with the sworde, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slaine him with the sworde of the<sup>e</sup> children of Ammón.

<sup>1</sup> That is, greater things, the theses for Gods loue and breuesites increase toward his, if by their ingratitude they say him not.

10 Now therefore the sworde shal neuer departe from thine house, because thou hast despised me, and taken the wife of Vriáh the Hittite to be thy wife.

<sup>1</sup> Thou hast moste cruelly giuen him into the hands of Gods children.

11 Thus saith the Lord, Beholde, I wil raise

vp euil against thee out of thine owne house, and wil \* take thy wiues before thine eyes, & giue them vnto thy neighbour, and he shal lye with thy wiues in the sight of this<sup>f</sup> sunne.

<sup>1</sup> *Deu. 28.30. chap. 16.22.*

12 For thou didest it secretly: but I wil do this thing before all Israël, and before the sunne.

<sup>1</sup> Meaning, openly, as at noue dayes.

13 Then Dauid said vnto Nathán, \* I haue sinned against<sup>g</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Lord. And Nathán said vnto Dauid, The Lord also hathe<sup>h</sup> put away thy sinne, thou shalt not dye.

<sup>1</sup> *Eccles. 47.23.*

<sup>1</sup> For the Lord lekech but y<sup>e</sup> sinner wolde turne to him.

14 Howbeit because by this dede thou hast caused the enemies of the Lord to<sup>i</sup> blaspHEME, the childe that is borne vnto thee shal surely dye.

<sup>1</sup> In saying, that the Lord hathe appointed a wicked man to reigne ouer his people.

15 ¶ So Nathán departed vnto his house: and the Lord stroke the childe that Vriáhs wife bare vnto Dauid, and it was sicke.

16 Dauid therefore besought God for the childe, and fasted and<sup>j</sup> went in, and laye all night vpon the earth.

<sup>1</sup> To wit, to his priuie chamber.

17 Then the Elders of his house arose to come vnto him, and to cause him to rise from the ground: but he wolde not, neither did he eat<sup>k</sup> meat with them.

<sup>1</sup> Thinking by his iustice prayer that God wolde haue restored his childe, but God hid otherwise determined.

18 So on the seuenth day the childe dyed: & the seruants of Dauid feared to tel him that the childe was dead: for they said, Beholde, while the childe was aliue, we spake vnto him, and he wolde not hearken vnto our voyce: how then shal we say vnto him, The childe is dead, to vex<sup>l</sup> him more?

<sup>1</sup> *Et. or he will do him life euil.*

19 But when Dauid sawe that his seruants whispered, Dauid perceiued that y<sup>e</sup> childe was dead: therefore Dauid said vnto his seruants, Is the childe dead? And they said, He is dead.

20 Then Dauid<sup>m</sup> arose from the earth, & washed and anointed him selfe, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the Lord, and worshipped, & afterward came to his owne house, and bade that they shulde set bread before him, and he did eat.

<sup>1</sup> Shewing that our lamentation; ought not to be excessive, but moderate: and y<sup>e</sup> we must praise God in all his doings.

21 Then said<sup>n</sup> his seruants vnto him, What thing is this, that thou hast done? thou didest fast and wepe for the childe, while it was aliue, but whē the childe was dead, thou didest rise vp, and eat meat.

<sup>1</sup> As they considered not that God granteth manie things to the sobbes & teares of y<sup>e</sup> faithfull.

22 And he said, While the childe was yet aliue, I fasted, and wept: for I said, Who can tel whether God wil haue mercie on me, that the childe may liue?

23 But now being dead, wherefore shulde I now fast? Can I bring him againe any more? I shal go to him, but he shal not returne to me.

<sup>1</sup> By this consideration appeared his sorrowe.

24 ¶ And Dauid comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in vnto her, and lay with her, and she bare a sonne, <sup>o</sup> & he called his name Salomón: also y<sup>e</sup> Lord loued hi.

<sup>1</sup> *Mat. 1.6. o To wit, the Lord, i. Christ. 22.9.*



p To call him Salomón  
q Meaning, Dauid  
1 Chro 22. 9  
Or, the chief  
1111

r That is, the chief citie, & where all the cōdūms are, as good as taken  
r Ets my new be called vs it

2 Chro. 20. 2.  
f That is, thre-score pounds after 1/2 weight of the common talant

1 Signifying, y as that were malicious enemies of God, so he put them so cruel death.

a Tamár was Absaloms sister both by father & mother, and Ammons onely by father  
b And therefore kept in her fathers house, as virgins were accustomed.

c Here we see that there is no enterprise so wicked, y can lacke counsel to further it

d Meaning, some delicate & dencie meat

25 For the Lord had sent by Nathán the p Prophet: therefore q\* he called his name: Iciddiáh, because the Lord loved him.  
26 ¶ Then Ioáb fought against Rabbáh of the children of Ammón, and toke the r citie of the kingdome.  
27 Therefore Ioáb sent messengers to Dauid, saying I haue fought against Rabbáh, and haue taken the citie of r waters.  
28 Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and besiege the citie, that thou maist take it, lest v the victorie be attributed to me.  
29 So Dauid gathered all the people together, and went against Rabbáh, and besieged it, and toke it.  
30 \*And he toke their Kings crowne from his head, (which wayed a t talent of golde, with precious stones) & it was set on Dauids head: and he broght away the spoile of the citie in exceeding great abundance.  
31 And he caryed away the people that was therein, and put them vnder t sawes, and vnder yron harowes, and vnder axes of yron, and cast them into the tyle kyln: euen thus did he with all the cities of the childten of Ammón. Then Dauid and all the people returned vnto Ierusalém.

CHAP. XIII.

24 Amnón Dauids sonne defileth his sister Tamár.  
19 Tamár is comforted by her brother Absalóm.  
29 Absalóm therefore killeth Amnón.

1 **N**OW after this so it was, that Absalóm the sonne of Dauid hauing a faire sister, whose name was a Tamár, Amnón the sonne of Dauid loued her.  
2 And Amnón was so fore vexed, that he fel sicke for his sister Tamár: for she was a b virgin, & it semed harde to Amnón to do any thing to her.  
3 But Amnón had a friend called Ionadáb, the sonne of Shimeáh Dauids brother: and Ionadáb was a very subtile man.  
4 Who said vnto him, Why art thou the Kings sonne so leane si ó day to day? wilt thou not tel me? Then Amnón answered him, I loue Tamár my brocher Absalós sister.  
5 And Ionadáb said vnto him, Lye downe on thy bed, and make thy selfe sicke: and when thy father shal come to se thee, say vnto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamár come, and giue me meat, and let her dreffe me in my sight, that I may se it, and eat it of her hand.  
6 ¶ So Amnón laye downe, & made him selfe sicke: and when the King came to se him, Amnón said vnto the King, I pray thee, let Tamár my sister come, & make me a couple of d cakes in my sight, that I may receiue meat at her hand.  
7 Then Dauid sent home e Tamár, saying, Go now to thy brocher Ammons house,

se, and dreffe him meat.  
8 ¶ So Tamár went to her brother Ammons house, and he laye downe: and she toke f floure, and knead it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes.  
9 And she toke a panne, & \* powred them out before him, but he wolde not eat. The Amnón said, Cause ye euery man to go out from f me: so euery man went out si ó him.  
10 Then Amnón said vnto Tamár, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamár toke the cakes which she had made, and broght them into the chamber to Amnón her brother.  
11 And when she had set them before him to eat, he toke her, and said vnto her, Come, lye with me, my sister.  
12 But she answered him, Naye, my brother, do not force me: for no suche thing \* ought to be done in Israél: commit not this folie.  
13 And I, whether shal I cause my shame to go: and thou shalt be as one s of the fooles in Israél: now therefore, I pray thee, speake to the King, for he wil not denye me vnto thee.  
14 Howbeit he wolde not hearké vnto her voyce, but being stronger then she, forced her, and lay with her.  
15 Then Amnón hated her exceedingly, so that the hatred wherewith he hated her, was greater then the loue, wherewith he had loued her: and Amnón said vnto her, Vp, get thee hence  
16 And she answered him, There is no cause: this euil (to put me away) is greater then the other that thou didest vnto me: but he wolde not heare her,  
17 But called his v seruant that serued him, and said, Put this woman now out from me, and locke the dore after her.  
18 ( And she had a garment of h diuers colours vpon her: for with suche garmets were the Kings daughters that were virgins, appareled ) Then his seruant broght her out, and locked the dore after her.  
19 And Tamár put ashes on her head & rent the garment of diuers colours which was on her, and layed her hand on her head, & went her way crying.  
20 And Absalóm her brother said vnto her, Hathe Amnón thy brother bene with thee? Now yet be t styl, my sister: he is thy brother: let not this thing grieue thine heart. So Tamár remained desolate in her brother Absaloms house.  
21 ¶ But when King Dauid heard all the se things, he was very wrothe.  
22 And Absalóm said vnto his brother Amnón nether good nor bad: for Absalóm hated Amnón, because he had forced his sister Tamár.

Or, p. s. fr.

e That is, she forced them on a dislie.

f For y wicked are ashamed to do that before me, which they are not afraid to commit in y sight of God.

Leui. 18. 9.

Or, Non s. d. 1  
p. s. away my  
s. i. s. i. s.  
g As a lewd & wicked person.

Or, for iud. can s.

Or, b. s.

h For y which was of diuers colours or pieces in those dayes was used to greatch e simacio, Gen 37. 13. 14. 15.

i For though he concuied inden vengeance in his heart, yet he dissimled it til occasion serued, and comforted his sister.



Amnón slayne.

I I. Samuél.

The widowes parable.

23 ¶ And after the time of two yerres, Abfalóm had shepherders in Baal-hazór, which is beside Ephraím, and Abfalóm called all the Kings sonnes.

24 And Abfalóm came to the King & said, Beholde now, thy seruant hathe shepherders: I pray thee, that the King with his seruants wolde go with thy seruant.

25 But the King answered Abfalóm, Naye my sonne, I pray thee, let vs not go all, lest we be chargeable vnto thee. Yet Abfalóm laye fore vpó him: howbeit he wolde not go, but thanked him.

26 The said Abfalóm, But, I pray thee, shal not my brother Amnón go with vs? And the King answered him, Why shulde he go with thee?

27 But Abfalóm was instant vpon him, and he sent Amnón with him, & all the Kings children.

28 ¶ Now had Abfalóm commanded his seruants, saying, Marke now when Amnóns heart is mery with wine, and when I say vnto you, Smite Amnón, kil him, feare not, for haue not I commanded you to be bolde therefore, and play the men.

29 And the seruants of Abfalóm did vnto Amnón, as Abfalóm had commanded: & all the Kings sonnes arose, and euery man gate him vp vpon his mule, and fled.

30 ¶ And while they were in the way, tidigs came to Dauid, saying, Abfalóm hathe slayne all the Kings sonnes, and there is not one of them left.

31 Then the King arose, and tare his garments, and lay on the grounde, and all his seruants stode by with their clothes rent.

32 And Ionadáb the sonne of Shimeáh Dauids brother answered and said, Let not my lord suppose that thei haue slayne all the yong men the Kings sonnes: for Amnón onely is dead, because Abfalóm had reported so, since he forced his suster Tamár.

33 Now therefore let not my lord y King take y thing so gricuously, to thinke that all the Kings sonnes are dead: for Amnón onely is dead.

34 ¶ Then Abfalóm fled: & the yong man that kept the watche, lift vp his eyes, and looked, & beholde, there came muche people by the way of the hill side behinde him.

35 And Ionadáb said vnto the King, Beholde, the Kings sonnes come: as thy seruant said, so it is.

36 And asone as he had left speaking, beholde, the Kings sonnes came, and lift vp their voyces, and wept: and the King also and all his seruants wept exceedingly sore.

37 But Abfalóm fled away, and went to Talmái the sonne of Ammihúr King of

Geshúr: and Dauid mourned for his sonne euery day.

38 So Abfalóm fled, and went to Geshúr, & was there thre yerres.

39 And King Dauid desired to go forthe vnto Abfalóm, because he was pacified concerning Amnón, seing he was dead.

CHAP. XIII.

Abfalóm is reconciled to his father by the subtiltie of Ioab. 24 Abfalóm may not see the Kings face 25 The beautie of Abfalóm. 30 He causeth Ioabs corne to be burnt, and is brought to his fathers presence.

1 Then Ioab the sonne of Zeruiáh perceiued, that the Kings heart was towarde Abfalóm,

2 And Ioab sent to Tekóah, and broght thence a subtile woman, & said vnto her, I pray thee, faine thy selfe to moune, and now put on mourning apparel, & anoint not thy selfe with oyle: but be as a woman that had now long time mourned for the dead.

3 And come to the King, and speake of this maner vnto him (for Ioab taught her whar she shulde say)

4 ¶ Then the woman of Tekóah spake vnto the King, and fel downe on her face to the grounde, & did obeisance, and said, Helpe, ó King.

5 Then the King said vnto her, What ayleth thee? And she answered, I am in dede a widowe, and mine houband is dead.

6 And thine hádmayd had two sonnes, & they two stroue together in the field: (and there was none to parte them) so the one smote the other, and slewe him.

7 And beholde, the whole familie is risen against thine hádmayd, & thei said, Delyuer him that smote his brother, that we may kil him for the foule of his brother whome he slewe, that we may destroy the heire also: so they shal quench my sparkle which is left, and shal not leaue to mine houbad nether name nor posteritie vpon the earth.

8 And the King said vnto the woman, Go to thine house, and I wil giue a charge for thee.

9 Then the woman of Tekóah said vnto the King, My lord, ó King, this trespasse be on me, and on my fathers house, & the King and his throne be giltye.

10 And y King said, Bring him to me that speaketh against thee, and he shal touche thee nomore.

11 Then said she, I pray thee, let the King remember the Lord thy God, that thou woldest not suffer many reuengers of blood to destroy, lest thei slaye my sön. And he answered, As the Lord liuerth, there shal not one heere of thy sonne fall to y earth.

12 Then the woman said, I pray thee, let thine hádmayd speake a worde to my lord the

*10r, in the plain of H... To wit, to a banquet, thinking thereby to fulfil his wicked purpose.*

*11r, blessed.*

*1 Preceding to the King, Amnón was most deare vnto him.*

*m Suche is the pride of the wicked masters, that in all their wicked commandments they thinke to be obeyed.*

*n Lamenting, as he that felt the wrath of God vpon his house, Chap. 12, 10.*

*11r, because he was pacific Abfaloms mouche.*

*10r, take it to be... 10r, but.*

*10r, are after an other.*

*o That onely Amnón is dead.*

*p For Mazcháh his mother was the daughter of this Talmái, Chap 11.*

*a That y King fauoured him.*

*10r, wife.*

*b In token of mourning: for thei vsid anointing to some cheareful.*

*11r, put words to her mouche.*

*11r, saue.*

*11r, a widowe vnto c Under this parable she describeth the death of Amnón by Abfalóm.*

*d Because he hathe slayn his brother, he ought to be slayne according to the Lawe, Gen 9, 6 vsod 12, 12.*

*e As touching the breach of y Lawe y punisheth blood, let me beare the blame 10r, innocet.*

*f Swear that thei shal not rounge the blood, which are many coublers.*

the King. And he said, Say on.

g Why doest thou give contrary sentence in thy soune Abfalóm?

13 Then the woman said, Wherefore then hast thou thought such a thing against the people of God? or why doest thou King, as one which is faurie, speake this thing, that he wil not bring againe his banished?

Or, accept.

h God hath guided wates (as sanctuaries) to save the oft times, whom manudgeth worthy death. For I thought they would kill this same bris.

14 For we must nedes dye, & we are as water spilt on the grounde, which can not be gathered vp againe: nether doeth God spare anie persone, yet doeth he appoint meanes, to cast out from him him that is expelled.

15 Now therefore that I am come to speake of this thing vnto my lord the King, the cause is that the people haue made me afraide: therefore thine handmaid said, Now wil I speake vnto thy King: it may be that the King wil performe the request of his handmaid.

16 For the King wil heare, to deliuer his handmaid out of the hand of the man that wolde destroye me, and also my sonne fro the inheritance of God.

12r 11f

k It of great wisdom to discern right from wrong

17 Therefore thine handmaid said, The worde of my lord the King shal now be comfortable: for my lord the King is euen as an Angel of God in hearing of good & bad: therefore the Lord thy God be with thee.

18 Then the King answered, and said vnto the woman, Hide not fro me, I pray thee, the thing that I shal aske thee. And thy woman said, Let my lord thy King now speake.

l Hast not thou done this by counsel of Ioáb?

19 And the King said, Is not the hand of Ioáb with thee in all this? Then the woman answered, & said, As thy soul liueth, my lord the King, I wil not turne to the right hand nor to the left from ought that my lord the King hath spoken: for euen thy seruât Ioáb bade me, & he put all these wordes in thy mouthe of thine handmaid.

m My speaking rather in a partable the plainly. Or, nor can hee be light from the King

20 For to the intent that I shulde change the forme of speache, thy seruât Ioáb hath done this thing: but my lord is wise according to the wisdom of an Angel of God to vnderstand all things that are in the earth.

n I have granted thy request.

21 ¶ And thy King said vnto Ioáb, Beholde now, I haue done this thing: go then, & bring the yong man Abfalóm againe.

12r 11f

22 And Ioáb fel to the grounde on his face, and bowed him selfe, and thanked the King. Then Ioáb said, This day thy seruânt knoweth, that I haue founde grace in thy sight, my lord the King, in that the King hath fulfilled the request of his seruânt.

o Covering hereby his affection, and shewing some parte of iustice to please the people.

23 ¶ And Ioáb arose, and went to Gesúr, and brought Abfalóm to Ierusalém.

24 And the King said, Let him come to his owne house, and nor se my face. So Abfalóm turned to his owne house, and sawe not the Kings face.

25 Now in all Israël there was none to be so muche praised for beautie as Abfalóm: from the sole of his foote euen to the top of his head there was no blemish in him.

26 And when he polled his head, (for at euerie yeres end he polled it: because it was to heauy for him, therefore he polled it) he weighed the hære of his head at two hundred & shekels by the Kings weight.

p Which weighed 614 ounces after halfe an ounce the shekel.

27 And Abfalóm had thre sonnes, and one daughter named Tamár, which was a faire woman to loke vpon.

28 ¶ So Abfalóm dwelt space of two yeres in Ierusalém, & sawe not the Kings face.

29 Therefore Abfalóm sent for Ioáb to send him to the King, but he wolde not come to him: and when he sent againe, he wolde not come.

Or, possess. q The wicked are impatient in their afflictions, & spare no vaine excuse to excuse them.

30 Therefore he said vnto his seruants, Beholde, Ioáb hath a field by my place, & hath barley therein: go, & set it on fire: & Abfaloms seruants set the field on fire.

31 Then Ioáb arose, and came to Abfalóm vnto his house, and said vnto him, Wherefore haue thy seruants burnt my field with fire?

32 And Abfalóm answered Ioáb, Beholde, I sent for thee, saying, Come thou hither, and I wil send thee to the King for to say, Wherefore am I come from Gesúr? It had bene better for me to haue bene there still: now therefore let me see thy Kings face: and if there be anie trespass in me, let him kil me.

r If I haue offended by reuenging my sisters dishonour: thus the wicked iustifie them selves as their evil

33 Then Ioáb came to the King, and tolde him: and he called for Abfalóm, who came to the King, and bowed him selfe to the grounde on his face before the King, and the King kissed Abfalóm.

CHAP. XV.

2 The practises of Abfalóm to aspire to the kingdom. 14 Dauid and his flee. 31 Dauids prayer. 34 Husái is sent to Abfalóm to discover his counsel.

1 After this, Abfalóm prepared him charrets and horses, and siter men to runne before him.

12r made him a Which were as a garde to fortifie his state Or, outwore for.

2 And Abfalóm rose vp early, and stode hard by the entering in of the gate: & euerie mã that had anie matter, & came to thy King for iudgement, him did Abfalóm call vnto him, and said, Of what citie art thou? And he answered, Thy seruânt is of one of the tribes of Israël.

b That is, saying of what citie or place he was

3 The Abfalóm said vnto him, Se, thy matters are good & righteous, but there is no man deposed of the King to heare thee.

4 Abfalóm said moreover, Oh I were made iudge in the land, that euerie man which haue anie matter or controuersie, might come to me, that I might do him iustice.

c Thus by flatter, flattery, and faire promises the wicked seeme preferreth

5 And when anie man came nere to him, and did him obeisance, he put forthe his hand, and toke him, and kissed him.

# Dauid fleeth.

# I I. Samuél.

# The Arke returneth.

6 And on this maner did Abfalóm to all Israël, that came to the King for iudgement: so Abfalóm stole the hartes of the men of Israël.

d by misting them from his father to him selfe

7 ¶ And after fortie yeres, Abfalóm said vnto the King, I pray thee, let me go to Hebrón, and reudre my vowe which I haue vowed vnto the Lord.

e Counting from the time that the Israellie had asked a King of Samuél.

8 For thy seruant vowed a vowe when I remained in Gesbúr, in Arám, saying, If the Lord shal bring me againe in dede to Ierusalém, I wil serue the Lord.

f By offering a peace offering, it was lawfull to do in anye place

9 And the King said vnto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebrón.

10 ¶ Then Abfalóm sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israël, saying, When ye heare the sounde of the trumpet, ye shal say, Abfalóm reigneth in Hebrón.

11 ¶ And with Abfalóm went two hundredth men out of Ierusalém, that were called: and they wét in their simplicitie, knowing nothing.

g And byd to his feat in his brags.

12 Also Abfalóm sent for Ahithóphel the Gilonite Dauids counseler, from his citie Gilóh, while he offred sacrifices: and the treason was great: for the people encased stil with Abfalóm.

h His went and succeded

13 ¶ Then came a messenger to Dauid, saying, The hartes of the men of Israël are turned after Abfalóm.

14 Then Dauid said vnto all his seruants that were with him at Ierusalém, Vp, and let vs flee: for we shal not scape fró Abfalóm: make spede to departe, lest he come sodenly and take vs, & bring euil vpon vs, and smite the citie with the edge of the sword.

k Whose heart he sawe that Satan had so possessed, that he wolde leaue no mischief vnaccepted

15 And the Kings seruants said vnto him, Beholde, thy seruants are ready to do according to all that my lord the King shal appoint.

l His chof

16 So the King departed and all his household after him, and the King left ten concubines to kepe the house.

m Flye at his feete.

17 And the King went forthe and all the people after him, and caryed in a place farre of.

n Or, host

18 And all his seruants went about him, and all the Cherethites and all the Pelethites and all the Gittites, even sixe hundredth men which were come after him fró Gath, went before the King.

i To wit, fró Ierusalém

k These were as the Kings garde, or as some write, his countelers.

19 Then said the King to Ittái the Gittite, Wherefore comest thou also with vs? Returne and abide with the King, for thou art a stranger: departe thou therefore to thy place.

l Who, as some write, was the Kings sonne of Gath

20 Thou camest yesterday, and shulde I cause thee to wander to day and go with vs? I wil go whither I can: therefore returne thou, and cary againe thy brethren: mercie and truth be with thee.

m Meaning, them of his familie  
n God requite thee thy friendship and fidelitie.

21 And Ittái answered the King, and said,

As the Lord liueth, & as my lord the King liueth, in what place my lord the King shalbe, whether in death or life, euen there surely wil thy seruant be.

22 Then Dauid said to Ittái, Come, & go forwarde. And Ittái the Gittite went, and all his men, and all the children that were with him.

23 And all the countrey wept with a loude voyce, and all the people went forward, but the King passed ouer the brooke Kidrón: and all the people wét ouer towarde the way of the wildernes.

o To wit, the six hundredth men.

24 ¶ And lo, Zadók also was there, and all the Leuites with hym, bearing the Arke of the couenant of God: & they set downe the Arke of God, and Abiathár wét vp vntil the people were all come out of the citie.

p Which was the charge of the Kohathites. Nomb. 4. 4. To stand by the Arke.

25 Then the King said vnto Zadók, Carie the Arke of God againe into the citie: if I shal finde fauour in the eyes of the Lord, he wil bring me againe, & shewe me the tabernacle thereof.

q Or, his tabernacle

26 But if he thus say, I haue no delite in thee, beholde, here am I, let him do to me as seemeth good in his eyes.

r The fastheful in all these afflictions shew we them selfes obedient to Gods wil.

27 The King said againe vnto Zadók the Priest, Art not thou a Seer? returne into the citie in peace, & your two sonnes with you: to wit, Ahimáaz thy sonne, and Ionathán the sonne of Abiathár.

s. Sam. 9. 9.

28 Beholde, I wil tarie in the fieldes of the wildernes, vntil there come some worde from you to be tolde me.

29 Zadók therefore and Abiathár caryed the Arke of God againe to Ierusalém, and they taried there.

30 And Dauid went vp the mount of oliues and wept as he went vp, and had his head couered, and wét barefooted: and all the people that was with him, had euerie man his head couered, and as they went vp, they wept.

t With ashee & dust in signe of sorrowe

31 Then one tolde Dauid, saying, Ahithóphel is one of them that haue conspired with Abfalóm: and Dauid said, O Lord, I pray thee, turne the counsel of Ahithóphel into foolishnes.

u The counsel of the crafty worldelings doeth more harme thó the open force of the enemie.

32 ¶ Then Dauid came to the toppe of the mount where he worshipped God: and beholde, Hushái the Archite came against him with his coate torne, & hauing earth vpon his head.

33 Vnto whome Dauid said, If thou go with me, thou shalt be a burthen vnto me.

34 But if thou returne to the citie, and say vnto Abfalóm, I wil be thy seruant, O King, (as I haue bene in time past thy fathers seruant, so wil I now be thy seruant) then thou maiest bring me the counsel of Ahithóphel to night.

v Though Hushái dissembled here at the Kings request, yet may we surue this exple to excite our dummulation.

35 And hast thou not there with thee Zadók and Abiathár the Priests? therefore whatlocuer



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whatfoeuer thou shalt heare out of the Kings house, thou shalt shewe to Zadók and Abiathái the Priests.

36 Beholde, there are with them their two sonnes: Ahimáz. Zadoks sonne, and Ionathán Abiathars sonne: by them also shal ye send me euerything that ye can heare.

37 So Huf hái Daidis friend went into the citie: and Abfalóm came into Ierusalém.

CHAP. XVI.

1 The infidelitie of Zibá. 5 Shimei curseth Daid. 10 Huf hái cometh to Abfalóm. 21 The counsell of Ahithóphel for the concubines.

1 **W**HEN Daid was a litle past the <sup>a</sup>toppe of the hill, beholde, Zibá the seruant of Mephibósheth met him with a couple of asses saddled, and vpon them two hundreth <sup>b</sup>cakes of bread, and one hundreth bunshes of raisins, & an hundreth of <sup>c</sup>dryed figges, and a bottel of wine.

<sup>a</sup> Which was the hill of oliues, Chap 15. 18.

<sup>b</sup> 10. of 2 cakes.

2 And <sup>d</sup> King said vnto Zibá, What meanest thou by these? And Zibá said, They be <sup>e</sup> asses for the Kings householde to ride on, and bread and dryed figges for the yong men to eat, and wine, that the faint may drinke in the wildernes.

<sup>d</sup> Commonly there are no vnder traitours then they, w vnder pretence of friendship accuse others.

3 And the King said, But where is thy masters sonne? The Zibá answered the King, Beholde, he remaineth in Ierusalém: for he said, This day shal the house of Israël restore me the kingdome of my fathers.

4 Then said the King to Zibá, Beholde, thine are all that <sup>f</sup>perterned vnto Mephibósheth. And Zibá said, I beseeche thee, let me finde grace in thy sight, my lord, ó King.

<sup>f</sup> He is worthy.

<sup>e</sup> Which was a citie in the tribe of Benjamin.

5 ¶ And when King Daid came to <sup>g</sup>Bahurim, beholde, thence came out a man of the familie of the house of Saúl, named Shimei the sonne of Gerá: and he came out, and curset.

6 And he cast stones at Daid, and at all the seruants of King Daid: and all the people, and all the men of warre were on his <sup>h</sup> right hand, and on his left.

<sup>g</sup> That is, to vnder about him.

<sup>h</sup> Zib, man of blood. <sup>i</sup> He is worthy of Beilid.

7 And thus said Shimei when he curset, Come forthe, come forthe thou <sup>j</sup>murderer, and <sup>k</sup>wicked man.

8 The Lord hathe broght vpon thee all the blood of the house of Saúl, in whose stead thou hast reigned: and the Lord hathe deliuered the kingdome into the hand of Abfalóm thy sonne: and beholde, thou art <sup>l</sup>taken in thy wickednes, because thou art a murderer.

<sup>i</sup> Reproching him as though by his meanes the kinglye & Abiath were flane.

9 Then said Abihái the sonne of Zeruiáh vnto the King, Why doeth this <sup>m</sup>dead dogge curse my lord the King? let me go, I pray thee, and take away his head.

<sup>j</sup> Sam 24. 11. & chap 3. 8.

<sup>k</sup> Daid felt that this was the iudgement of God for his sinne, & therefore humbled him selfe to his rod.

10 ¶ But the King said, What haue I to do with you, ye sonnes of Zeruiáh: for he curseth, euen because the Lord hathe <sup>n</sup>bidden him curse Daid: who daereth then

say, Wherefore hast thou done so?

11 And Daid said to Abihái, & to all his seruants, Beholde, my sonne w came out of mine owne bowels, seeketh my life: then how muche more now may this sonne of Iemini? Suffre him to curse: for the Lord hathe bidden him.

12 It may be that the Lord wil loke on <sup>o</sup>mine affliction, and s dome good for his cursing this day.

<sup>o</sup> Or, my straits. <sup>p</sup> Meaning, that the Lord wil send comfort to him when they are oppressed.

13 And as Daid and his men went by the way, Shimei went by the side of the moune ouer against him, and curset as he went, and threw stones against him, and cast dust.

14 Then came <sup>q</sup> King & all the people that were with him weary, and refreshed them selues <sup>r</sup> there.

<sup>q</sup> To wit, at Bahurim.

15 ¶ And Abfalóm, and all the people, the men of Israël came to Ierusalém, & Ahithóphel with him.

16 And when Huf hái the Archite Daidis friend was come vnto Abfalóm, Huf hái said vnto Abfalóm, God saue the King, God saue the King.

<sup>r</sup> Hee let the King line.

17 Then Abfalóm said to Huf hái, Is this thy kindenes to thy friend? Why wentest thou not with thy friend?

<sup>s</sup> Meaning, Daid.

18 Huf hái then answered vnto Abfalóm, Nay, but whome the Lord, & this people, and all the men of Israël chuse, his wil I be, and with him wil I dwell.

19 And <sup>t</sup>moreouer vnto whome shal I do seruice: not to his sonne? as I serued before thy father, so wil I before thee.

<sup>t</sup> Hee the freddy name.

20 ¶ Then spake Abfalóm to Ahithóphel, Giue counsell what we shal do.

21 And <sup>u</sup> Ahithóphel said vnto Abfalóm, Go in to thy fathers concubines, which he hathe left to kepe the house: and when all Israël shal heare, that thou art abhorred of thy father, the hands of all that are with thee, shal be strong.

<sup>u</sup> Suspecting change of the kingdome, and so his owne overthrowe, he giueth suche counsell as might moue himre his fathers reconciliacion and also declare to the people that Abfalóm was in hieft authoritie.

22 So they spread Abfalóm a tent vpon the top of the house, and Abfalóm went in to his fathers concubines in the sight of all Israël.

23 And the counsell of Ahithóphel which he counseled in those dayes, was like as one had asked <sup>v</sup> counsell at the oracle of God: so was all the counsell of Ahithóphel bothe with Daid and with Abfalóm.

<sup>v</sup> It was so esteemed for the successe thereof.

CHAP. XVII.

7 Ahithophels counsell is overthrown by Huf hái 14 The Lord had so ordeined. 19 The Priests sonnes are led on the wall. 22 Daid goeth ouer Iordán. 23 Ahithóphel hangeth him selfe. 27 They bring visitails to Daid.

1 **M**OREouer Ahithóphel said to Abfalóm, Let me chuse out now twelue thousand men, and I wil vp and follow after Daid this night,

<sup>w</sup> The wicked are so greedy to execute their malice, that they leaue no none occasion, that may further the same.

2 And I wil come vpon him: for he is weary,



Hushais counsell.

I I. Samuel.

Ahithophel hanged.

and weake handed: so I wil spare him: and all the people that are with him, shal flee, and I wil smite the King onely,

<sup>b</sup> Meaning David.

3 And I wil bring againe all the people vnto thee, and when all shal returne, ( <sup>b</sup> the man whome thou seekest being slaine ) all the people shal be in peace.

<sup>c</sup> His was right in the eyes of Absalom.

4 And the saying was pleased Absalom well, and all the Elders of Israel.

<sup>d</sup> His was in his mouth.

5 The said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let vs heare likewise what he sayeth.

<sup>e</sup> Or, great faith.

6 So when Hushai came to Absalom, Absalom spake vnto him, saying, Ahithophel hathe spoken thus: shal we do after his saying, or not? thou?

<sup>f</sup> Hushai thought himselfe faithful to Dauid, in that he reprooueth this wicked counsell and purpose. <sup>g</sup> Or, very all night.

7 Hushai then answered vnto Absalom, The counsell that Ahithophel hathe giue, is not good at this time.

8 For, said Hushai, thou knowest thy father, and his men, that they be strong me, and are chafed in minde as a beare robbed of her whelpes in the field: also thy father is a valiant warriour, and wil not lodge with the people.

<sup>h</sup> Hee haue a bracte, or warre.

9 Beholde, he is hid now in some caue, or in some place: and though some of them be ouerthrowen at the first, yet the people shal heare, and say, The people that followe Absalom, be ouerthrowen.

<sup>i</sup> Or, will euenly.

10 Then he also that is valiant whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shal shrinke and faime: for all Israel knoweth, that thy father is valiant, and they which be with him, shewe men.

11 Therefore my counsell is, that all Israel be gathered vnto thee, from Dan euen to Beer-sheba as the sand of the sea in number, and that thou go to battel in thine owne persone.

12 So shal we come vpon him in some place, where we shal finde him, and we wil vpon him as the dew falleth on the ground: and of all the men that are with him, we wil not leaue him one.

13 Moreover if he be gotten into a citie, then shal all the men of Israel bring ropes to that citie, and we wil drawe it into the riuier, vntill there be not one smale stone found there.

<sup>k</sup> Or, remoued.

14 ¶ Then Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsell of Hushai the Archite is better, then the counsell of Ahithophel: for the Lord had determined to destroy the good counsell of Ahithophel, that the Lord might bring euill vpon Absalom.

<sup>l</sup> That counsell which seemed good at the first to Absalom, <sup>m</sup> For by the counsell of Hushai he went to the basell where he was.

15 Then said Hushai vnto Zadok and to Abiathar the Priests, Of this and that manner did Ahithophel and the Elders of Israel counsell Absalom: and thus and thus haue I counseled.

16 Now therefore send quickly, and shewe

Dauid, saying, Tary not this night in the fieldes of the wildernes, but rather get thee ouer, least the King be deuoured & all the people that are with him.

<sup>n</sup> That is, ouer Iordén.

17 ¶ Now Ionathán and Ahimáaz abode by En-rogel: (for they might not be sene to come into the citie) and a maid went, and tolde them, and they went and shewed King Dauid.

<sup>o</sup> Or, the well of Rogel.

<sup>p</sup> Meaning, the message from their fathers.

18 Neuer theles a yong man sawe them, and tolde it to Absalom. therefore they bothe departed quykly, & came to a mans house in Bahurim, who had a well in his court, into the which they went downe.

19 And the wife toke and spred a covering ouer the welles mouth, and spred grounde thereon, that the thing shulde not be knowen.

<sup>q</sup> Thus God sendeth succour to him in these greatest dangers.

20 And when Absaloms seruants came to the wife into the house, they said, Where is Ahimáaz and Ionathán? And the woman answered them, They be gone ouer the brooke of water. And when they had sought them, and coulde not finde them, they returned to Ierusalém.

<sup>r</sup> The Chaldee text readeth, now they haue passed the Iordén.

21 And as soon as they were departed, the other came out of the well, and went and tolde King Dauid, and said vnto him, Vpon and get you quykly ouer the water: for such a counsell hathe Ahithophel giuen against you.

<sup>s</sup> To wit, re purpose thee w all haste.

22 Then Dauid arose, and all the people that were with him, and they went ouer Iordén vntill the dawning of the day, so that there lacked not one of them, that was not come ouer Iordén.

<sup>t</sup> They traueled all night, & by morning had all their companie passed ouer.

23 ¶ Now when Ahithophel sawe that his counsell was not followed, he saddled his asse, and arose, and he went home vnto his citie, and put his householde in ordre, and hanged him selfe, and dyed, and was buryed in his fathers graue.

<sup>u</sup> Gods iuste vengeance euē in this life is poured on them, which are enemies, traitours, or persecuters of his Church.

24 ¶ Then Dauid came to Mahanáim. And Absalom passed ouer Iordén, he, and all the men of Israel with him.

25 And Absalom made Amasá capitaine of the hoste in the stead of Ioáb: which Amasá was a mans sonne named Ichra an Israelite, that wet in to Abigail the daughter of Nahásh, sister to Zeruiáh Iobabs mother.

<sup>v</sup> Who was also called Hushai Dauids father.

26 So Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

27 ¶ And when Dauid was come to Mahanáim, Shobi the sonne of Nahásh out of Rabbáh of the children of Ammón, and Machir the sonne of Ammiel out of Lodebar, and Barzelai the Gileadite out of Rogel

28 brought beds, and basens, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and floure, and parched corne, & beanes, and lentils, and parched corne.

<sup>w</sup> God breweh his selfe into his liberall to him, when they seme to be vnto by occasion.

19 And they broght hony, and butter, and shepe, and cheefe of kine for Dauid and for the people that were with him, to eat: for they said, The people is hungry, & weary, and thirstie in the wildernes.

CHAP. XVIII.

2 David deuideth his armie into thre partes. 9 Abfalóm is hanged flaine, and cast in a pit 33 David lamenteth the death of Abfalóm.

2 For certain of the Reubenites, Gadites, & of the half tribe, coude not beare the insolencie of the sonne against his father, & therefore joynd with Dauid.

Then Dauid nombred the people that were with him, & set ouer them captaynes of thousands and captaynes of hundreds.

And Dauid sent forthe the third parte of the people vnder the hand of Ioáb, and the third parte vnder the hand of Abishái Ioabs brother the sonne of Zeruah: and the other third parte vnder the hád of Ittái the Gittite. & the King said vnto the people, I wil go with you my selfe also.

But the people answered, Thou shalt not go forthe: for if we flee away, they wil not regarde vs, netler wil they passe for vs, thogh halfe of vs were flaine: but thou art now worthe tē thousand of vs: therefore now it is better that thou succour vs out of the citie.

b Signifying, a good gouernour ought to be so deare vnto his people, that they wil rather lose their liues, than they shoulde come vnto h.

Then the King said vnto them, What semeth you best, that I wil do. So the King stode by the gate side, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands.

And the King commanded Ioáb and Abishái, and Ittai, saying, Entreate the yong man Abfalóm gently for my sake. and all the people heard when the King gaue all the captaynes charge concerning Abfalóm.

So the people went out into the field to meete Israél, & the battel was in the wood of Ephraim:

c So called because the Ephraimites (as some say) fed their cattel beynde Jordan in this wood.

Where the people of Israél were flaine before the seruants of Dauid: so there was a great slaughter that day, euen of twentie thousand.

For the battel was skatred ouer all the countrey: and the wood deuoured muche more people that day, then did the sworde.

Now Abfalóm met the seruants of Dauid, and Abfalóm rode vpon a mule, and the mule came vnder a great thicke oke: and his head caught holde of the oke, and he was taken vp betwene the heauen and the earth: & the mule that was vnder him went away.

d This is a terrible exanone of Gods vengeance against them that are rebels or disobedient to their parents

And one that sawe it, tolde Ioáb, saying, Beholde, I sawe Abfalóm hanged in an oke.

Then Ioáb said vnto the man that tolde him, And hast thou in dede sene why then didest not thou there smite him to the ground, and I wolde haue giuen thee ten shekels of siluer, and a girdle.

Gen 23, 15

Then the man said vnto Ioáb, Though I shulde receiue a thousand shekels of siluer in mine hád, yet wolde I not lay mine hád vpon the Kings sonne: for in our hearing the King charged thee, and Abishái, & Ittai, saying, Beware, lest anye touche the yong man Abfalóm.

e He weigh not our hand.

If I had done it, it had bene the danger of my life: for nothing can be hid fro the King: yea, if thy selfe woldest haue bene against me.

f He is the heart of Abfalóm.

Then said Ioáb, I wil not thus tary with thee. And he took the dartes in his hand, & thrust them through Abfalóm, while he was yet alive in the middes of the oke.

g Thus God turned his vaine glorie to shame.

And ten seruants that bare Ioabs armour, compassed about and smote Abfalóm, and slewe him.

Then Ioáb blewe the trumpeter, and the people returned from pursuing after Israél: for Ioáb helde backe the people.

h For he had pise of the people, which was seduced by Abfaloms flatterie.

And they toke Abfalóm, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and layed a mighty great heape of stones vpon him: and all Israél fled euen one to his tent.

i Thus God turned his vaine glorie to shame.

Now Abfalóm in his life time had take and reared him vp a pillar, which is in the Kings dale: for he said, I haue no sonne to kepe my name in remembrance. & he called the pillar after his owne name, and it is called vnto this day, Abfaloms place.

j Gen. 14, 27. It cometh of God had punished him, in taking away his children, Chap 14, 27.

Then said Ahimáaz the sonne of Zadók, I pray thee, let me runne, and beare the King tidings that the Lord hath deliuered him out of the hand of his enemies.

k Ebr. Judged.

And Ioáb said vnto him, Thou shalt not be the messenger to day, but thou shalt beare tidings another time, but to day thou shalt beare none: for the Kings forme is dead.

l For Ioáb bare a good affection to Ahimáaz, & counted now Dauid wold take the reporte of Abfaloms death.

Then said Ioáb to Cushí, Go, tel the King, what thou hast sene. And Cushí bowed him selfe vnto Ioáb, and ran.

Then said Ahimáaz the sonne of Zadók againe to Ioáb, What, I pray thee, if I also runne after Cushí? And Ioáb said, Wherefore now wilt thou runne, my sonne, seeing that thou hast no tidings to bring?

Yet what if I runne? Then he said vnto him, Runne. So Ahimáaz ranne by the way of the plaine, and ouerwent Cushí.

m He sate in the gate of Mahanaim.

Now Dauid sate betwene two gates. And the watcheman went to the toppes of the gate vpon the wall, & lift vp his eyes, and sawe, and beholde, a man came running alone.

And the watcheman cryed, & tolde the King. And the King said, If he be alone, he bringeth tidings. And he came apafe, and diuere.

n Ebr. tidings.

26 And the watcheman sawe an other man running, and the watcheman called vnto the porter, and said, Beholde, another man runneth alone. And the King said, He also bringeth tidings.

<sup>1</sup> *16. 1 f. the mount.*

27 And the watcheman said, "Me thinketh the running of the fo: most is like the running of Ahimáz the sonne of Zadók. Then the King said, He is a good man, & commeth with good tidings.

<sup>1</sup> He had had experience of his fidelitie, Chap 17, 21.

28 And Ahimáz called, and said vnto the King, Peace be with thee: and he fel downe to the earth vpon his face befoie y King, and said, Blessed be the Lord thy God, who hath shup vp the men that lift vp their hands against my lord the King.

<sup>10</sup> *Delivered 72*

29 And the King said, Is the yong man Absalóm safe? And Ahimáz answered, Whé Ioáb sent the Kings seruāt, and me thy seruāt, I sawe a great tumulte, but I knewe not what.

<sup>1</sup> To wit, Chusih, who was an Ethiopian

30 And the King said vnto him, Turne aside, & stand here. so he turned aside and stode stil.

<sup>10</sup> *Tidings is brought*

31 And beholde, Cushí came, and Cushí said, "Tidings, my lord the King: for the Lord hath deliuered thee this day out of the hand of all that rose against thee.

32 Then the King said vnto Cushí, Is the yong man Absalóm safe? And Cushí answered, The enemies of my lord y King, & all that rise against thee to do thee hurt, be as that yong man is.

<sup>1</sup> Because he considered bothe the iudgement of God against his sinne, & cold not oetherwise hōe his fatherly affectio toward his sonne.

33 And the King was moued, and went vp to the chamber ouer the gate, and wept: & as he went, thus he said, O my sonne Absalóm, my sonne, my sonne Absalóm: wolde God I had dyed for thee, & Absalóm, my sonne, my sonne.

CHAP. XIX.

<sup>7</sup> *Ioáb encourageth the King. 8* *Dauid is restored 23* *Shimeí is pardoned 24* *Mephiboseth meeteth the King. 29* *Barrisai departeth. 41* *Israél striueth with Iudáh.*

And it was tolde Ioáb, Beholde, the King wepeth and mourneth for Absalóm.

<sup>10</sup> *His saluacion, and deliuerance.*

Therefore the victorie of that day was turned into mourning to all the people: for the people heard say that day, The King sorroweth for his sonne.

<sup>10</sup> *By his brother.*

3 And the people wēt that day into the citie secretly, as people confounded hide them selues when they flee in battel.

<sup>1</sup> As they do their mourning.

4 So the King hid his face, and the King cryed with a lowde voyce, My sonne Absalóm, Absalóm my sonne, my sonne.

<sup>1</sup> At Mahanaim.

5 ¶ Then Ioáb came into the house to the King & said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy seruāts, which this day haue saued thy life, and the liues of thy sonnes and of thy daughters, and the liues of thy wiues, and the liues of thy concubines,

6 In that thou louest thine enemies, & hastest thy friends: for thou hast declared this day, that thou regardest nether thy princes nor seruants: therefore this day I perceiue, that if Absalóm had liued, and we all had dyed this day, that thē it wolde haue pleased thee wel.

<sup>10</sup> *Or, captiues.*

<sup>10</sup> *Hee bene right in thine say.*

<sup>10</sup> *Hee is the best of thy seruants.*

7 Now therfore vp, come out, and speake comfortably vnto thy seruāts: for I sweare by the Lord, except thou come out, there wil not tary one man with thee this night: and that wil be worse vnto thee, then all y euil that fel on thee from thy youthe herterto.

8 Then the King arose, & fate in the gate: and they tolde vnto all the people, saying, Beholde, the King doeth sit in the gate: & all the people came before the King: for Israél had fled euery man to his tent.

<sup>1</sup> Where the made reforme of the people hamed.

9 ¶ Then all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israél, saying, The King saued vs out of the had of our enemies, & he deliuered vs out of the hand of the Philistims, and now he is fled out of the land for Absalóm.

<sup>1</sup> Euerie one blamed another & strone who shulde first bring him home.

10 And Absalóm, whome we anoite d our vs, is dead in battel: therefore why are ye so slowe to bring the King againe?

11 But King Dauid sent to Zadók and to Abiathár the Priests, saying, Speake vnto the Elders of Iudáh and say, Why are ye behind to bring y King againe to his house, (for the saying of all Israél is come vnto the King, euen to his house)

<sup>1</sup> That they shulde reprocue the negligence of y Elders, seeing the people were so forward.

12 Ye are my brethren: my bones and my flesh are ye: wherefore then are ye the last that bring the King againe?

13 Also say ye to Amasá, Art thou not my bone and my flesh? God do so to me and more also, if thou be not captaine of the hoste to me for euer in y toume of Ioáb.

<sup>1</sup> By this pollicie Dauid thought y by winning of the captiue, he shulde haue y heartes of all the people.

14 So he bowed the heartes of all the men of Iudáh, as of one man: therefore they sent to the King, saying, Returne thou with all thy seruants.

15 ¶ So the King returned, & came to Iordén. And Iudáh came to Gilgál, for to meete the King, & to conduct him ouer Iordén.

16 ¶ And Shimeí y sonne of Gerá, the sonne of Iemini, which was of Bahrim, hasted & came downe with the men of Iudáh to meete King Dauid,

<sup>1</sup> Who had before reuiled him, Chap. 16, 13

17 And a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Zibá the seruāt of the house of Saúl, and his fiftene sonnes and twentie seruants with him: and they wēt ouer Iordén before y King.

18 And there wēt ouer a bote to carie ouer the Kings housholde, and to do him pleasure. Then Shimeí the sonne of Gerá fel before the King, when he was come ouer Iordén,



*Chap. 16. 15.*  
 h For in his aduersitie he was his moſte cruel enemye, & now in his proſperitie ſeeketh by flatterie to creepe into fauour.  
 i By Iofeph he meaneth Ephraím, Manaſſeh, and Beniamin (whereof he was) becauſe theſe three were vnder one ſtandard, Numb. 2. 10

19 And ſaid vnto y King, Let not my lord impute \* wickednes vnto me, nor remember the thing that thy ſeruant did <sup>h</sup> wickedly when my lord the King departed out of Ieruſalém, that y King ſhulde take it to his heart.

20 For thy ſeruât doeth knowe, that I haue done amiſſe: therefore beholde, I am the firſt this day of all the houſe of Iofeph, that am come to go downe to meeete my lord the King.

21 But Abiſhái the ſonne of Zeruiáh answered, and ſaid, Shal not Shimei dye for this, becauſe he curſed the Lords anointed?

22 And Dauid ſaid, What haue I to do with you, ye ſonnes of Zeruiáh, that this day ye ſhulde be aduerſaries vnto me? ſhal there anie man dye this day in Iſrael? for do not I knowe, that I am this day King ouer Iſrael?

23 Therefore the King ſaid vnto Shimei, Thou ſhalt not dye, and the King ſware vnto him.

24 ¶ And Mephiboſeth the ſonne of Saúl came downe to meeete the King, and had nether waſhed his fetce, nor dressed his bearde, nor waſhed his clothes from the tyme the King departed, vntil he returned in peace.

k When Mephiboſeth being at Ieruſalém had met the King.

25 And when <sup>k</sup> he was come to Ieruſalém, & met the King, the King ſaid vnto him, Wherefore wenteſt not thou with me, Mephiboſeth?

26 And he answered, My lord the King, my ſeruant diſeued me: for thy ſeruant ſaid, I wolde haue mine aſſe ſaddled to ride thereon for to go with the King, becauſe thy ſeruant is lame.

*Chap. 16. 3.*

27 And he hathe \* accused thy ſeruant vnto my lord the King: but my lord y King is as an <sup>l</sup> Angel of God: do therefore thy pleaſure.

l Able for his wiſdome to iudge in all matters.  
 m Worſhip to dye for Saúls crueltie towards thee.

28 For all my fathers houſe were <sup>m</sup> but dead men before my lord the King, yet didſt thou ſet thy ſeruant among them y did eat at thine owne table: what right therefore haue I yet to crie anie more vnto the King?

29 And the King ſaid vnto him, Why ſpeakeſt thou anie more of thy matters? I haue ſaid, Thou, and Zibá deuide the <sup>n</sup> lands.

n Dauid did euil in taking his lands from him before he knewe y cauſe, but muche worſe, that knowing the treach, he did not reſtore them.

30 And Mephiboſeth ſaid vnto y King, Yea, let him take all, ſeing my lord the King is come home in peace.

31 ¶ Then Barzillái the Gileadite came downe from Rogelim, and went ouer Iordén with the King, to conduct him ouer Iordén.

32 Now Barzillái was a very aged man, <sup>o</sup> eno<sup>o</sup> fourefcore yere olde, and he had prouided the King of ſuſtenance, while he lay at Mahanám: for he was a man of very great

ſubſtance.

33 And the Kíng ſaid vnto Barzillái, Come ouer with me, & I wil feede thee with me in Ieruſalém.

34 And Barzillái ſaid vnto y King, "How long haue I to lyue, that I ſhulde go vp with the King to Ieruſalém?" <sup>p</sup> *How long may I haue to lyue?*

35 I am this day fourefcore yere olde: and cá I diſcerne betwene good or euil? Hathe thy ſeruant anie taſte in that I eat or in y I drinke? Can I heare anie more the voice of ſinging men and women? wherefore then ſhulde thy ſeruant be anie more a <sup>q</sup> burthen vnto my lord the King?

o He thought it not meete to receiue benefices of him to whome he was not able to do ſeruice againe.

36 Thy ſeruant wil go a litle way ouer Iordén with the King, and why wil the King recompence it me with ſuche a rewarde?

37 I pray thee, let thy ſeruant turne backe againe, that I may dye in mine owne citie, and be <sup>r</sup> buried in the graue of my father and of my mother: but beholde thy ſeruât <sup>r</sup> Chimbám, let him go with my lord the King, & do to him what ſhal pleaſe thee. <sup>p</sup> *My ſonne*

38 And the King answered, Chimbám ſhal go with me, and I wil do to him that thou ſhalt be content with; & whatſoeuer thou ſhalt <sup>s</sup> require of me, that wil I do for thee. <sup>r</sup> *Or, thou.*

39 So all the people went ouer Iordén: and the King paſſed ouer: and the King kiſſed Barzillái, and <sup>t</sup> biſſed him, and he returned vnto his owne place. <sup>s</sup> *Or, he kiſſed him face wet*

40 ¶ Then the King went to y Gilgál, and Chimbám went with him, and all the people of Iudah conducted the King, and alſo halfe the people of Iſrael.

q Where the tribe of Iudáh tarried to receiue him

r Which had taken parte w the King.

41 And beholde, all the men of Iſrael came to the King, & ſaid vnto the King, Why haue our brethren the men of Iudáh ſtolen thee away, and haue brought the King and his houſholde, and all Dauids men with him ouer Iordén?

f Towards Ieruſalém.

42 And all the men of Iudáh answered the men of Iſrael, Becauſe the King is nere of kin to vs: and wherefore now be ye angry for this matter? haue we eat of the Kings coſt, or haue we taken anie bribes?

43 And the men of Iſrael answered the me of Iudáh, and ſaid, We haue ten partes in the King, and haue alſo more right to Dauid then ye, Why then did ye deſpiſe vs, <sup>u</sup> that our aduiſe ſhulde not be firſt had in reſtoring our King? And the wordes of the men of Iudáh were ſeaſer then the wordes of the men of Iſrael.

u, haue we not brought home the King?

CHAP. XX.

1 Shéba raiſeth Iſrael againſt Dauid 20 Ioáb killeth Amaſá traitorouſly 22 The head of Shéba is deliuered to Ioab. 23 Dauids chiefe officers.

Then there was come <sup>v</sup> thither a wicked man (named Shéba the ſonne of Bichri, a man of Iemini) and he blew the trumpet, and ſaid, We haue no parte in

v Where the ten tribes contended againſt Iudáh



Shebas rebellion.

I I. Samuél.

Shebá beheaded.

b As the of Iudá say c He thought by speaking contemptuously of the King, to have the people rather to sedition.

d Fró Gilgát, which was nere Iordén

Chap 16, 22.

e Who was his chief captaine in Iobabs rout, Chap 19, 11

f Either them which had bene vnder Iobab, or Dauids mé

Chap 4, 19.

g Which was his coat, that he used to wear in the warres

h He praye.

i He doubled on his stroke

k He stode by Amasá at Iobabs appointment.

l Vnto she cite Abél, which was nere to Bethmaacháh.

b Dauid, nether haue we inheritance in the sonne of Ishái: euery man to his tents, o Israel.

So euery man of Israel went from Dauid and followed Sheba the sonne of Bichri: but the men of Iudáh claue fast vnto their King, from d Iordén euen to Ierusalem.

When Dauid then came to his house to Ierusalem, the King took the ten women his concubines, that he had left behinde him to kepe the house, & put them in ward, and fed them, but lay no more with them: but they were enclosed vnto the day of their death, liuing in widowhede.

The King said to e Amasá, Assemble me the mé of Iudáh within thre daies, and be thou here present.

So Amasá wét to assemble Iudáh, but he taried longer then the time which he had appointed him.

Then Dauid said to Abishái, Now shal Sheba the sonne of Bichri do vs more harme then did Absalóm: take thou therefore thy lords seruants and followe after him, lest he get him walled cities, & escape vs.

And there went out after him Iobabs mé, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and all the mightie men: & they departed out of Ierusalem, to followe after Sheba the sonne of Bichri.

When they were at the great stone, which is in Gibeón, Amasá went before them, & Iobabs garment, that he had put on, was girded vnto him, & vpon it was a sword girded, which hanged on his loines in the sheath, & as he went, it vsed to falle out.

And Iobab said to Amasá, Art thou m health, my brother? & Iobab took Amasá by the beard with his right hand to kisse him.

But Amasá took no hede to the sworde that was in Iobabs hand: for therewith he smote him in the fist rib, and shed out his bowels to the ground, & smote him not the seconde time: so he dyed. then Iobab & Abishái his brother followed after Sheba the sonne of Bichri.

And one of Iobabs men stode by him, & said, He that fauoreth Iobab, & he that is of Dauids parte, let him go after Iobab.

And Amasá wallowed in blood in the middes of the way: & when the man sawe that all the people stode still, he remoued Amasá out of the way into a field, & cast a cloth vpon him, because he sawe that euery one that came by him, stode still.

When he was remoued out of the way, euery man went after Iobab, to followe after Sheba the sonne of Bichri.

And he went through all the tribes of Israel vnto Abél, and Bethmaacháh and all places of Berim: and they gathered together, and went also after him.

So they came, and besieged him in Abél,

and they cast vp a mount against the cite, & the people thereof stode on the ramper, and all the people that was with Iobab, destroyed and cast downe the wall.

Then cryed a wise woman out of the cite, Heare, heare, I pray you, say vnto Iobab, Come thou hither, that I may speake with thee.

And when he came nere vnto her, the womán said, Art thou Iobab? And he answered, Yea. And she said to him, Heare the wordes of thine handmaid. And he answered, I do heare.

Then she spake thus, They spake in the olde time, saying, They shalde aske of Abél. and so haue they continued.

I am one of them, that are peaceable & faithful in Israel: and thou goest about to destroye a cite, and a mother in Israel: why wilt thou deuoure the inheritance of the Lord?

And Iobab answered, & said, God forbid, God forbid it me, that I shulde deuoure, or destroye it.

The matter is not so, but a má of mouit Ephraím (Sheba the sonne of Bichri by name) hath lift vp his hand against the King, euen against Dauid: deliuer vs him onely, & I wil departe from the cite. And the woman said vnto Iobab, Beholde, his head shalbe throwen to thee ouer the wall.

Then the woman went vnto all the people with her wisdom, and they cut of the head of Sheba the sonne of Bichri, & cast it to Iobab: then he blew the trumpet, and they retired from the cite, euery man to his tent: and Iobab returned to Ierusalem vnto the King.

The Iobab was ouer all the hoste of Israel, and Banasáh the sonne of Iehoiadá ouer the Cherethites & ouer the Pelethites,

And Adoram ouer the tribute, and Ioshaphát the sonne of Ahilúd the recorder,

And Shebá was scribe, and Zadók and Abiathár the Priests,

And also Irá the Iairite was chief about Dauid.

CHAP. XXI.

Three deare yeres The vengeance of the finnes of Saúl lighteth on his seuen finnes, which are bagged in Four great battels, which Dauid had against the Philistines

Then there was a famine in the daies of Dauid, thre yeres together: and Dauid asked counsel of the Lord, & the Lord answered, It is for Saúl, and for his bloodie house, because he slew the Gibeonites.

Then the King called the Gibeonites, & said vnto them (Now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but a remnant of the Amorites, vnto whom the children of Israel had sworne: but Saúl

k That is, he went about to overthrowe it.

l She sheweth that the olde custome was not to destroye a cite, before peace was offered, Deut. 20. m She speaketh in the name of the Lord.

n Hearing his faute tolde him, he gave place to reason and required enely him thre was author of the treason.

o He that were fauoured

Chap 4, 16.

p Either in dignitee, or familiaritee.

q Thre yeres after yere

r Thinking to gratifye the people, because they were not of the seede of Abraham.

Isa 49, 1.

foght

foight to slaye the for his zeale toward the children of Israël and Iudáh)

3 And Dauid said vnto the Gibeonites, What shal I do for you, and wherewith shal I make the atonement, that ye may blesse the inheritance of the Lord?

b Wherewith may your wrath be appeased, & you may pray to God to remove this plague from his people.

4 The Gibeonites then answered him, We wil haue no siluer nor gold of Saúl nor of his house, nether for vs shalt thou kill anie man in Israël. And he said, What ye shal say, that wil I do for you.

c Saue onely of Sauls Rocks

5 Then they answered the King, The man that consumed vs and that imagined euil against vs, so that we are destroyed from remaining in anie coste of Israël,

d Of Sauls kinsmen,

6 Let seven men of his 4 sonnes be deliuered vnto vs, and we wil hang them vp vnto the Lord in Gibeán of Saúl, the Lords chosen. And the King said, I wil giue them.

e To pacifie the Lord.

7 But the King had compassion on Mephibósheth the sone of Ionathán the sonne of Saúl, because of the Lords othe, that was betwene them, euen betwene Dauid and Ionathan the sonne of Saúl.

1. SAM. 18. 3.

8 But the King toke the two sonnes of Rizpáh the daughter of Aíah, wuome she bare vnto Saúl, euen Armoni & Mephibósheth and the five sonnes of Michál, the daughter of Saúl, whome she bare to Abiáí the sonne of Barzillái the Melohathite.

f Here Michál is named for her 7 s. A. directs wife as appeareth 1 Sam 18. 19. for Michál was the wife of Paltiel. 1 Sam 25. 44. & neuer had child. 1 Sam 6. 23. 1. Chr. 11. 1. g Which was in the month Abib or Nisan, which conteth parte of Marche and parte of April. h To make her a scit, wherein she prayed to God to turne away his wrath. i Because drought was the cause of this famine. God by sending of raine shewed he was pacified. 1. Chr. 11. 1.

9 And he deliuered them vnto the hands of the Gibeonites, which háged them in the mountaine before the Lord: so they dyed all fuen together, and they were slaine in the time of harvest: in the 8 first dayes, & in the beginning of barley harvest.

g Which was in the month Abib or Nisan, which conteth parte of Marche and parte of April. h To make her a scit, wherein she prayed to God to turne away his wrath. i Because drought was the cause of this famine. God by sending of raine shewed he was pacified. 1. Chr. 11. 1.

10 Then Rizpáh the daughter of Aíah toke 4 sackcloth & háged it vp for her vp the rocks, from the beginning of harvest, vntil water dropped vpon them from the heauen, and suffered nether the birdes of the aire to light on them by day, nor beastes of the field by night.

1. SAM. 31. 10.

11 And it was tolde Dauid, what Rizpáh the daughter of Aíah the concubine of Saúl had done.

12 And Dauid went and toke the bones of Saúl and the bones of Ionathán his sonne from the citizens of Iabésh Gileád, which had stollen them from the strete of Bethshán, where the Philistims had handed them, when the Philistims had slaine Saúl in Gilbóa.

13 So he brought thence the bones of Saúl and the bones of Ionathán his sonne, and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged.

14 And the bones of Saúl and of Ionathán his sonne buried they in the countrei of Beniamin in Zeláh, in the graue of Kish his father: and when they had performed all that the King had commanded, God

was then k appeased with the land.

k For where? might be iust from iustes unpunished, there the plague of God lyeth vpon the land.

15 ¶ Againe the Philistims had warre with Israël: and Dauid went downe, and his seruants with him, and they fought against the Philistims, and Dauid fained.

16 Then Ishi benób which was of the sonnes of Harapháh (the head of whose speare was yett iure hundreth shekels of bras) cué he being girded with a newe sword, thocht to haue slaine Dauid.

l That is, of the race of Gýars. m When a moue it to use pounde three quarters.

17 But Abishái the sonne of Zeruiáh succoured him, and smote the Philistin, and killed him. Then Dauids men sware vnto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with vs to battel, lest thou quenche the light of Israël.

n For the glorie and welch of the countrey standeth in the pretension of the golly magistrate. o Called Gózer, the Zaph is called Zippai. 1. Chr. 20. 4

18 ¶ And after this also there was a battel with the Philistims at Gob, then Sibbecháí the Hushathite slew: Saph, which was one of the sonnes of Harapháh.

p That is, Lahmal the brother of Goliath, whome Dauid slew. 1. Chr. 20. 5

19 And there was yet another battel in Gob with the Philistims, where Elhanáh the sonne of Iaaí: e-oregim, a Berlechomite slewe p Goliath the Gittite: the staffe of whose speare was like a weavers beam.

20 Afterwarde there was also a battel in Gath, where was a man of a great stature, and had on euerie hand six fingers, and on euerie foote six toes, foure and twentie in number: who was also the forme of Harapháh.

q That is, Lahmal the brother of Goliath, whome Dauid slew. 1. Chr. 20. 5

21 And when he reuiled Israël, Ionathán the sonne of Sáimá the brother of Dauid slewe him.

1. SAM. 31. 9.

22 These foure were borne to Harapháh in Gath, and dyed by the hand of Dauid and by the hands of his seruants.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Dauid after his victories praiseth God. 2 The angre of God toward the wicked. 44 He prophesieth of the reserction of the Lewes, and vocacion of the Gentiles.

1 And Dauid spake the wordes of this song vnto the Lord, what time the Lord had deliuered him out of the hands of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saúl.

a In token of the wonderful benefices, that he receiued of God.

2 And he said, \* The Lord is my b rocke and my fortresse, and he that deliuereth me.

b By the deliuerance of these conyrt beniamites, he sheweth how his faith was strengthened in all tribulations. 1. Chr. 11. 1.

3 God is my strength, in him wil I trust: my shield, and the horn of my saluacion, my hie towre and my refuge: my sauiour, thou hast saued me from violence.

4 I wil call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised. so shal I be safe from mine enemies.

c As Dauid (who was the figure of Christ) was by Gods power deliuered from all dangers: so Christ and his Church that ouercom moue go about: g is terramine and uictor.

5 For the pang of death haue compassed me: the floods of vngodlines haue made me af: aside.

6 The sorowes of the graue compassed me about: the snares of death ouertoke me.

Dauids song.

I I. Samuél.

7 But in my tribulation did I call vpon the Lord, and crye to my God, & he did heare my voice out of his temple, & my crye did enter into his eares.

8 Then the earth trembled and quaked: the fundacions of the heauens moued, and shoke, because he was angry.

9 <sup>d</sup> Smoke went out at his nostrils, and consuming <sup>e</sup> fire out of his mouth: coles were kindled thereat.

10 He <sup>f</sup> bowed the heauens also, and came downe, and darkenes was vnder his feete.

11 And he rode vpon <sup>g</sup> Cherúb and did flye, and he was sene vpon the wings of the wide.

12 And he made darknes a tabernacle rounde about him, <sup>h</sup> when the gatherings of waters, and the cloudes of the aire.

13 At the brightnes of his presence <sup>i</sup> the coles of fire were kindled.

14 The Lord thundred from heauen, & the moste hye gaue his voyce.

15 He shot arrowes also, and scatred them: to wit, lightning, and destroyed them.

16 The <sup>j</sup> chanelis also of the sea appeared, <sup>k</sup> when the fundacions of the worlde were discouered by the rebuking of the Lord, and at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

17 He sent from aboue, and toke me: he drewe me out of manie waters.

18 He deliuered me from my strong enemies, and from thē that hated me: for they were to strong for me.

19 They <sup>l</sup> preuented me in the day of my calamitie, but the Lord was my stay,

20 And brought me forthe into a large place: he deliuered me, because he fauored me.

21 The Lord rewarded me according to my <sup>m</sup> righteousnes: according to the purenes of mine hands he recompenced me.

22 For I kept the wayes of the Lord, and did not <sup>n</sup> wickedly aganist m. God.

23 For all his lawes were before me, and his statutes: I did not depaite therefrom.

24 I was vpright also towarde him, and haue kept me from my wickednes.

25 Therefore the Lord did rewarde me, according to my righteousnes, according to my purenes before his eyes.

26 With <sup>o</sup> godlie thou wilt shewe thy selfe godlie: with the vpright man thou wilt shewe thy selfe vpright.

27 With the pure thou wilt shewe thy selfe pure, and with the <sup>p</sup> fiowarde thou wilt shewe thy selfe fiowarde.

28 Thus thou wilt saue the poore people: but thine eyes are vpon the hautie to humble them.

29 Surely thou art my light, o Lord: and the Lord wil lighten my darknes.

30 For by thee haue I broken through an

hosse, and by my God haue I leaped ouer a wall.

31 The way of God is <sup>q</sup> vncorrupt: the worde of the Lord is tryed <sup>r</sup> in the fire: he is a shield to all that trust in him.

32 For who is God besides the Lord? and who is mighty, saue our God?

33 God is my strength in battel, and maketh my way vpright.

34 He maketh my feete like <sup>s</sup> p. hinds feete, and hathe set me vpon mine hie places.

35 He teacheth mine hands to fight, so that a bowe of <sup>t</sup> brasse is broken with mine aimes.

36 Thou hast also giuen me the shield of thy saluacion, and thy louing kindenes hathe caused me to me ease.

37 Thou hast enlarged my steppes vnder me, and mine heeles haue not slid.

38 I haue pursued mine enemies and destroyed them, and haue not turned againe vntil I had consumed them.

39 Yea, I haue consumed them and thrust them through, and they shal not arise, but shal fall vnder my feete.

40 For thou hast <sup>u</sup> girded me with power to battel, and them that arose aganist me, hast thou subdued vnder me.

41 And thou hast giuen me the neckes of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me.

42 They looked about, but there was none to saue them, <sup>v</sup> when vnto the Lord, but he answered them not.

43 Then did I beate thē as small as the dust of the earth: I did tread them flat as the clay of the streete, and did spread them abroad.

44 Thou hast also deliuered me from the contēcions of my <sup>w</sup> people: thou hast preserued me to be the head ouer nations: the people which I knewe not, do serue me.

45 Strangers <sup>x</sup> shalbe in subiection to me: as sone as they heare, they shal obey me.

46 Strangers shal shrinke away, and feare in their priue chambers.

47 Let the Lord liue, <sup>y</sup> and blessed be my strength: and God, <sup>z</sup> when the force of my saluacion be exalted.

48 It is God that giueth me power to reuēge me, and subdue the people vnder me,

49 And rescueth me from mine enemies: <sup>aa</sup> also hast lift me vp from them that rose aganist me, thou hast deliuered me from the cruel man.

50 Therefore I wil praise thee, o Lord, among the <sup>ab</sup> nations, and wil sing vnto thy Name.

51 He is the towre of saluacion for his King, and sh. with mercy to his Anointed, <sup>ac</sup> when to Dauid, and to his seede <sup>ad</sup> fo. euer.

<sup>d</sup> That is, cloudes, and vapors.  
<sup>e</sup> Lightning & thundering.  
<sup>f</sup> So it seemeth when the aire is darcke  
<sup>g</sup> To sit in a moment through the worlde.

<sup>h</sup> By this description of a tempest he declares the power of God aganist his enemies

<sup>i</sup> He alludeth to the miracle of the red Sea.

<sup>k</sup> I was so beset, that all meanes seemed to faile.

<sup>l</sup> Toward Saul and mine enemies

<sup>m</sup> I attempted nothing without his commandment

<sup>n</sup> Their wickednes is cause, that thou seemest to forget thy wanted mercie

<sup>o</sup> The manner God vseth to succour his, neuer faileth

<sup>p</sup> He vseth extraordinary means to make me winne more than holdes  
107, 116, etc.

<sup>q</sup> He acknowledgeth that God was the author of his victories, who gaue him strength.

<sup>r</sup> The wicked in their necessitie are compelled to sic to God, but it is to late.

<sup>s</sup> Meaning, of the Iewes, who conspired aganist me

<sup>t</sup> Not willingly obeying me, but dissimblingly.

<sup>u</sup> Let him shewe his power, that he is the gouernour of all the worlde

Rom 11, 9.

Chap. 7, 11.

CHAP XXIII.

1 The last wordes of Dauid. & The wicked shalbe pluckt



pluckt vp as thornes. 2 The names and facts of his mighty men 11 He desired water and wolde not drinke it.

a Which he spake after he had made the Psalms

These also be the last wordes of Dauid, Dauid the sonne of Ishai saith, euen the man who was set vp on hie, the Anointed of the God of Izaakob, and the swete singer of Israél saith,

b Meaning, he spake nothing but by the motion of Gods Spirit.

The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his worde was in my tongue.

The God of Israél spake to me, y strength of Israél said, Thou shalt be a rule ouer me, being iust, and ruling in the feare of God.

c Which groweth quickly and fa- ceth sone

Euen as the morning light when y sunne riseth, the morning, I say, without clouds, so shalt mine house be, and not as the grass of the earth by the bright raine.

d But that my kingdom may continue for euer accordig to his promes

For so shal not mine house be with God: for he hath made with me an euerlasting couenāt, perfitt in all points, and sure: therefore all mine health and whole desire is, that he wil not make it growe so.

But the wicked shal be euerie one as thornes thrust away, because they can not be taken with hands.

But the man that shal touche them, must be defended with yron, or with the shaft of a speare. & they shal be burnt with fire in the same place.

e As one of Kings counsil.

These be the names of the mighty men whome Dauid had. He that sat in y seate of wisdome being chief of the princes, was Adinó of Ezri, he slewe eight hundred at one time.

1 Chron 11, 12.

And after him was Elezár the sonne of Dodó, the sonne of Ahohi, one of the three worthies with Dauid, when they defied y Philistims gathered there to battel, when the men of Israél were gone vp.

f Or, assailed with danger of their liues

g Meaning, fled from the battel

h By a crape which cause of wearines and straining.

He arose and smote the Philistims vntil his hand was weary, and his hand claue vnto the sworde: and the Lord gaue great victorie the same day, and the people returned after him onely to spoile.

1 Chron 11, 27.

After him was Shammáh the sonne of Agé the Hararite: for y Philistims assembled at a towne, where was a piece of a field ful of lentils, and the people fled fro the Philistims.

i Who hath merited respect to name in fewe, when he wil showe his power

But he stode in the middes of the field, and defended it, and slewe the Philistims: so the Lord gaue great victorie.

k Or, Dyast

Afterward thre of the thirty captaines went downe, and came to Dauid in the haruest time vnto the caue of Adullám, & the hoste of the Philistims pitched in the valley of Repháim.

And Dauid was then in an holde, and the garison of the Philistims was then in Beth-léhem.

l Being overcome w a castnes & churft

And Dauid longed, and said, Oh, that I wolde giue me to drinke of the water of the well of Beth-léhem, which is by the

gate.

Thē the three mighty brake into the hoste of the Philistims, and drewe water out of the well of Beth-léhem that was by the gate, and toke & broght it to Dauid, who wolde not drinke thereof, but powred it for an offering vnto the Lord,

k Bridellg his aff dion, and also uising God not to be offended: or y rash interpret.

And said, O Lord, be it far from me, that I shulde do this. Is not this y blood of the men that wēt in jeopardy of their liues: therefore he wolde not drinke it. These things did these three mighty men.

And Abishai the brother of Ioáb, the sonne of Zerushá, was chief among y three, and he lifted vp his speare against thre hundred, and slewe them, and he had the name among the three.

1 Chron 11, 26.

l Or, faine.

For he was moste excellent of the three, and was their captaine. but he attained not vnto the first thre.

And Benaiáh the sonne of Iehoiadá the sonne of a valiant man, which had done many actes, was of Kabzél, slewe two strong men of Moáb: he went downe also, and slewe a lion in the middes of a pit in the time of snowe.

1 Chron 11, 27.

m Or, a comely man

n Which was bigger as weaslers beame.

1 Chron 11, 25.

And he slewe an Egyptian a mā of great stature, and the Egyptian had a speare in his hand: but he went downe to him with a staffe, and plucked the speare out of the Egyptian hand, & slewe him with his owne speare.

These things did Benaiáh the sonne of Iehoiadá, & had the name among the three worthies.

o He was more valiant the 30 that follow, and not so valiant as the 6 before

1 Chron 11, 28.

He was honorable among the thirty, but he attained not to the first thre: and Dauid made him of his counsil.

Asahél the brother of Ioáb was one of the thirty: Elhanán the sonne of Dodó of Beth-léhem:

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**12** But he stode in the middes of the field, and defended it, and slewe the Philistims: so the Lord gaue <sup>h</sup> great victorie.

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**i** Or, by day

**14** And Dauid was then in an holde, and the garrison of the Philistims was then in Beth-léhem.

**i** Being overcome v. wearines & thurst

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**m** Or, Ish-hai.

**21** And he slewe an Egyptian a <sup>n</sup> mā of great stature, and the Egyptian had a <sup>l</sup> speare in his hand: but he went downe to him with a staffe, and plucked the speare out of the Egyptians hand, & slewe him with his owne speare.

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**l** Which was bigge as a weavers beame,  
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**32** Elihabá the Shaalbonite: of the sonnes of Isahén, Ionathán:

**33** Shammáh the Hararite: Abiám the sonne of Shaiár the Hararite:

**34** Eliphélet the sonne of Ahabái the sonne of Maachath: Eliám the sonne of Ahithóphel the Gilonite:

24 The King said vnto Araunáh, Not so, but I wil by it of thee at a price, & wil not offer burnt offering vnto the Lord my God of that which doeth cost me nothing. So Dauid bought the threshing floore, and

the oxen for <sup>a</sup> fiftie shekels of siluer.

25 And Dauid buyt there an altar vnto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, & the Lord was appeased toward the land, & the plague ceased from Israél.

a Some write, that euey tril. be gme 50, & make 600, or y afterwarde he bought as muche as came to 550 shekels, 1. Chron. 21, 26.